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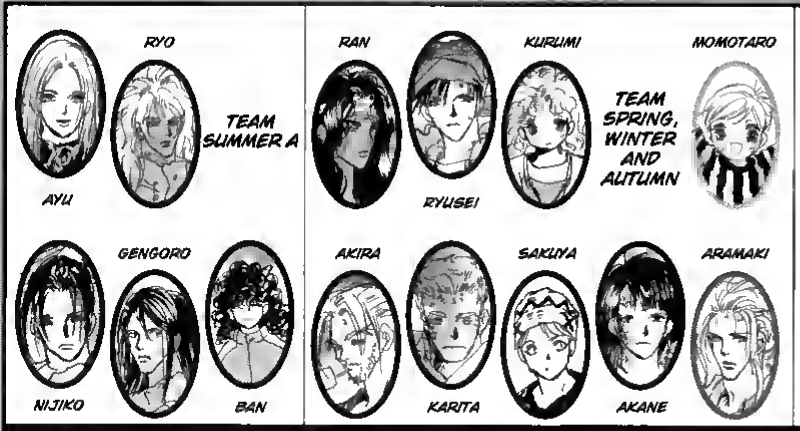

TEAM SUMMER A
ANGO

HE ACTS AS THE LEADER FOR TEAM SUMMER A. HE BLAMES HIMSELF FOR HIS FRIEND'S DEATH.

TEAM SPRING
SUGURONO HANA

AN OPTIMISTIC GIRL WHO LEARNED EVERYTHING ABOUT SURVIVING IN THE WILDERNESS FROM HER FATHER.

TEAM SUMMER A
KORURI

EXPERT IN ASTRONOMY AND WEATHER. SHE'S VERY GOOD AT HANG GLIDING.

TEAM SPRING
YUKIMA HARU

TALENTED YOUNG PIANIST. HE'S A LITTLE ECCENTRIC AND ALWAYS ACTS COOL AND INDIFFERENT.

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WE ARE IN THE NEAR FUTURE, AND A HUGE METEORITE HAS COLLIDED WITH THE EARTH.

ALL LIVING BEINGS, INCLUDING THE HUMAN RACE, WERE ELIMINATED. THE GOVERNMENT, WHO HAD FORESEEN THIS WORST CASE SCENARIO, TOOK A CERTAIN COUNTERMEASURE: PROJECT SEVEN SEEDS, FOR WHICH 5 TEAMS OF SEVEN TALENTED AND CAREFULLY SELECTED BOYS AND GIRLS WERE BUILT AND PUT INTO COLD SLEEP TO SECURE THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF THE HUMAN RACE.

ASIDE FROM PROJECT 7 SEEDS, HUGE UNDERGROUND SHELTERS WERE BUILT IN EVERY REGION OF JAPAN SO PEOPLE COULD SURVIVE. FROM A DIARY THAT HAD BEEN LEFT BEHIND, HANA AND THE OTHERS LEARNED THAT THE PEOPLE INSIDE THE SHELTER HAD BEEN WIPED OUT BY UNKNOWN PARASITES. TEAM SUMMER A CROSSED THEIR PATH AFTER THEY'D MANAGED TO ESCAPE FROM THE COLLAPSING SHELTER. THEY ACCUSED HANA AND THE OTHERS OF NOT HAVING CONSIDERED THE CONTAGION, FIRED A GUN AT THEM, AND SHOT AND KILLED THE GUIDE FOR TEAM AUTUMN, IZAYOI, WHO'D SHIELDED RAN.

WHEN HANA AND THE OTHERS GOT BACK TO THEIR VILLAGE, THE HOUSES HAD BEEN WASHED AWAY IN A FLOOD. AS THEY WERE SEARCHING FOR THE MISSING TEAM MEMBERS, THEY LEARNED THAT MOMOTA HAD BEEN CAPTURED BY TEAM SUMMER A. HANA AND THE OTHERS CLASHED WITH TEAM SUMMER A AGAIN, BUT THEN THEY WERE ATTACKED BY A LARGE COLONY OF BATS...

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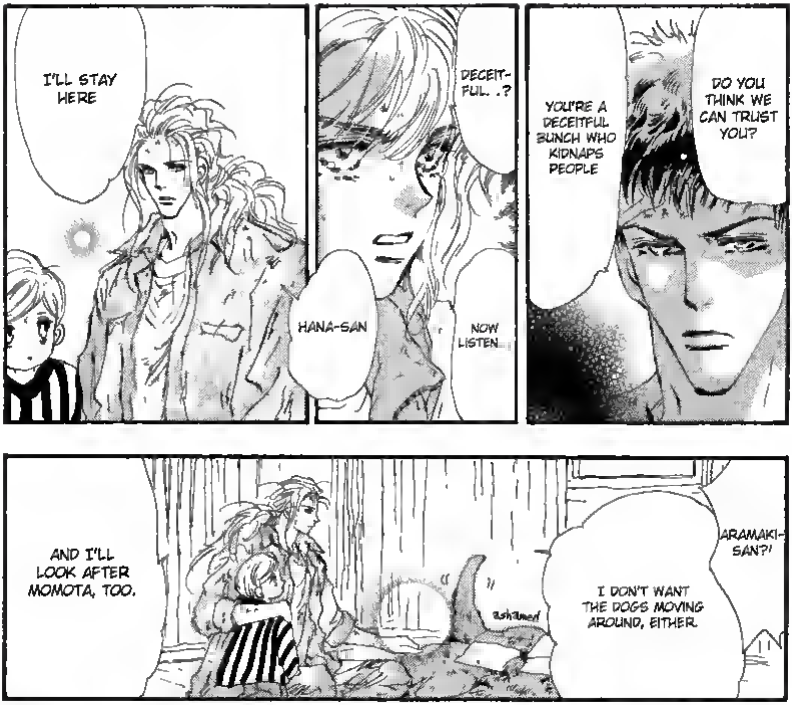
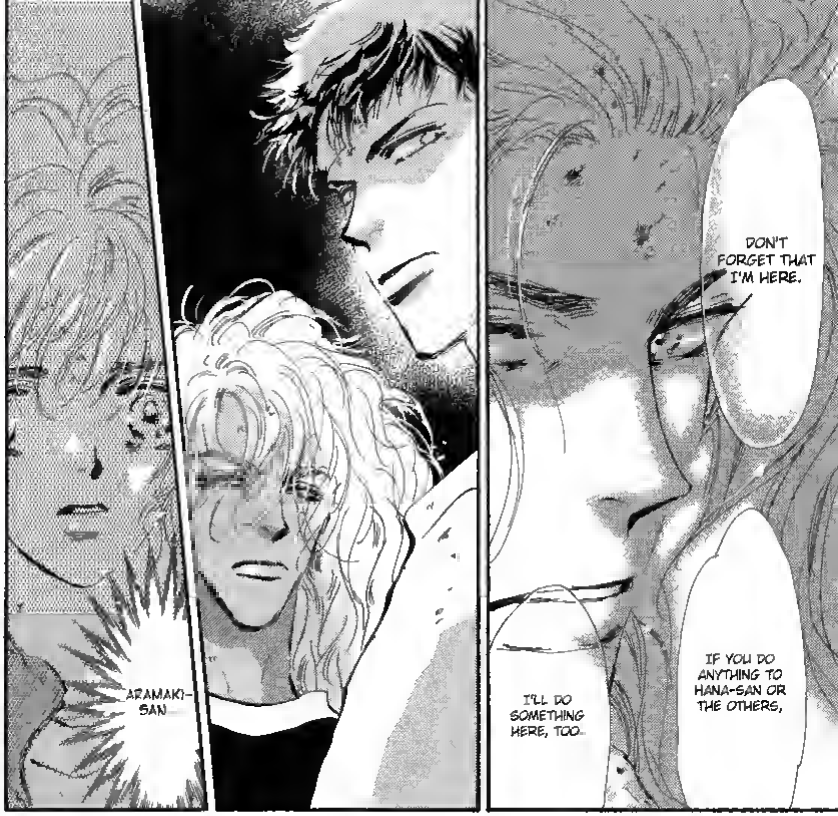
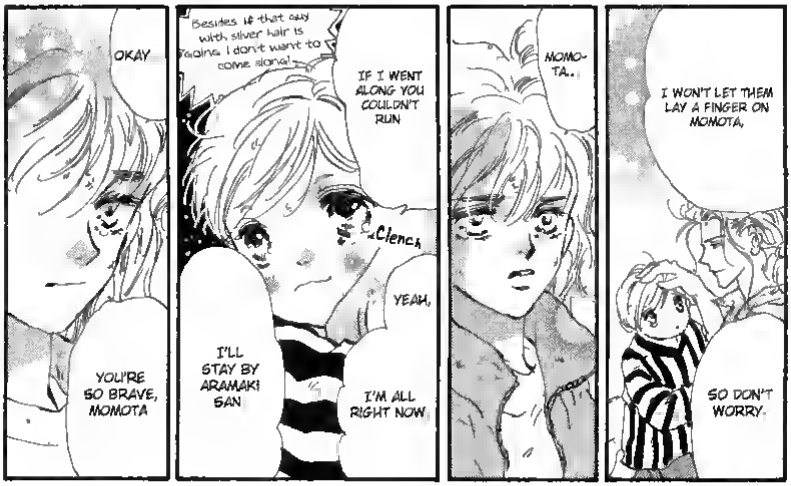
Summer Solstice Chapter 10
【— Swoop —】
I'M GOING TO GET BAN-CHAN!

I'LL GO BACK TO THE OTHERS.
I HAVE TO TELL THEM ABOUT THOSE BATS.
RYO, WE'RE GOING TOO.
KORURI WOULD BE THERE, AS WELL.
I'M NOT SURE SHE IS...
YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME.
THOSE TWO ARE GOING TO COME WITH ME?
WHAT'S MORE DANGEROUS, THOSE BATS OR THESE TWO?!
FOR NOW, MY FRIENDS AND I WILL GO BACK
AND I'LL ASK THE OTHERS TO LET YOUR FRIEND GO, SO...


I'LL STAY HERE
HANA-SAN
DECEITFUL..?
NOW LISTEN...
YOU'RE A DECEITFUL BUNCH WHO KIDNAPS PEOPLE
DO YOU THINK WE CAN TRUST YOU?
AND I'LL LOOK AFTER MOMOTA, TOO.
ashamed
I DON'T WANT THE DOGS MOVING AROUND, EITHER.
ARAMAKI-SAN?!

IF YOU TWO ARE GOING
TO ACCOMPANY HER...
I wonder if that's okay
THE TOP PRIORITY NOW...
IS LETTING EVERYONE ELSE KNOW QUICKLY SO THEY CAN GET OUT OF THERE.
I'M COUNTING ON YOU.
I was the one who recommended that place


DON'T FORGET THAT I'M HERE.
IF YOU DO ANYTHING TO HANA-SAN OR THE OTHERS,
I'LL DO SOMETHING HERE, TOO.
ARAMAKI-SAN


I WON'T LET THEM LAY A FINGER ON MOMOTA.
SO DON'T WORRY.
MOMO-TA..
IF I WENT ALONG YOU COULDN'T RUN
Besides if that guy with silver hair is gaijin, I don't want to come alone!
Clench
YEAH,
I'M ALL RIGHT NOW.
I'LL STAY BY ARAMAKI SAN
OKAY
YOU'RE SO BRAVE, MOMOTA

REALLY IS A GREAT GUY.
I'LL BE BACK TO GET YOU.
ARAMAKI-SAN...
SEE YOU LATER.
BE CAREFUL.
ALONG THE WAY
I'LL LOSE THESE TWO
IS THIS WIND .?
Or rats?
SSHH
splash
splash

KORU-RI?!
HUH?
SHUD
SHUT
KORU-RI?!
AND COME WITH ME!
GRAB A FIRST-AID KIT...
WE'RE GOING TO MAKE A TANDEM FLIGHT.
BAN-CHAN, ARE YOU HERE?!
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
KORURI!
HOW DID YOU...
BAN-CHAN!

Those were bats?
REAL-LY?!
BATS?! THEY'RE OVER THERE, TOO.
TAP TAP TAP
Hey, wait!
EVERYBODY IS INJURED, SO I'LL TAKE BAN-CHAN WITH ME.
BAN-CHAN,
YES, I WAS.
EVERYBODY WAS ATTACKED BY A MASS OF ANIMALS
PUT ON MY SPARE HARNESS
KORU-RI!
WEREN'T YOU CAPTURED?
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
THERE'S ALSO A PREGNANT GIRL!
UM...
I'VE
NEVER
FLOWN
WHOOOSH
BAN-CHAN,
RUN!
HUH?

DASH
EVERY-BODY...
THEY'RE INJURED!
WAS ATTACKED.
RUSTLE
WHAT ABOUT HARU?!
RUSTLE
OH...THAT REMINDS ME...
WHEN I BURNT A CERTAIN TYPE OF WOOD...
IT SEEMED LIKE THE BATS FLEW OFF...
THIS SMELL...
BAN-CHAN TOLD ME TO BURN ANYTHING HANDY.
IS IT SWEET OR SOUR?
AYU-SAN,
WHAT...
DID YOU JUST BURN?

YOU CAN FIND THIS EVERYWHERE.
SINCE THERE'S NO SMELL BEFORE YOU BURN IT.
PROBABLY MEANS THAT IT'S ALOES-WOOD OF SOME SORT.
I SEE. AN AROMATIC TREE. HUH...?
...looks totally different though.
THE SOURCE OF THAT SMELL IS THIS.
THIS DECAYED TREE
IT WAS THE SAME OVER THERE.
THEY SUDDENLY LEFT.
EVEN THOUGH THERE WAS ALREADY SO MUCH SMOKE...
LET'S CHOP OFF A LOT OF IT.
I'm going to test it on the ones that caught
MAYBE THE BATS DON'T LIKE THAT SMELL.
splish
Psi
UH?!
The girl who flies knows our location. so we have to move quickly.
THOSE TWO SEEM TO BE ESPECIALLY VIOLENT.
I MUSTN'T LET THEM GET CLOSE TO THE OTHERS.
THEY AREN'T BEHIND ME.
I PROBABLY SHOOK THEM OFF.
hah
hah
hah

THEY MESSED UP THE WATERING HOLE.
THEY'VE FALLEN VICTIM TO THOSE BATS I'D SAY.
BUT IF THEY RUN OUT OF FOOD,
HUMANS AREN'T QUITE THEIR FAVORITE FOOD, I SUPPOSE.
Hmph
THEY'LL SERIOUSLY COME FOR US.
They also pollute the water
WE WON'T BE ABLE TO FIND ANYTHING TO EAT.
ON DAYS WHEN THEY PICK OFF THIS MANY

hah
hah
hah
dash
THESE GUYS
AREN'T EVEN OUT OF BREATH!
THIS IS A SHORT CUT!
GRAB
hah
THEY
phew
WON'T BE ABLE TO FOLLOW ME HERE, NOW WILL THEY?
And if they do it'll take some time.

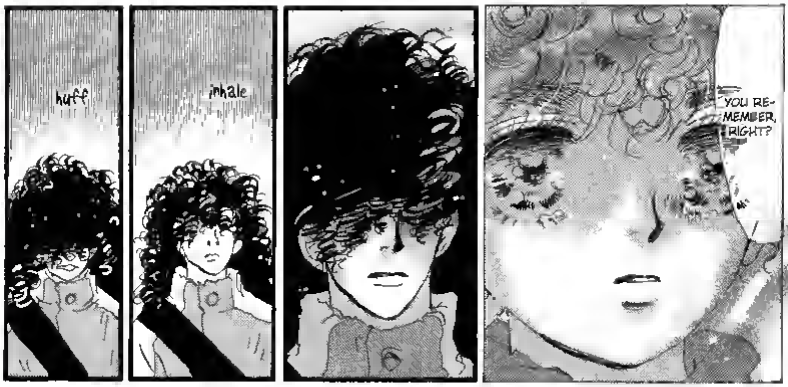
YOU'RE SO LAME
RUSTLE
Don't stop hurry up
RUSTLE
WHAT'S WRONG?
WHOOOSH
WHAT'S THAT?
IT'S RAINING AGAIN
BUT THIS WON'T BECOME A DOWNPOUR...
Huh?
drip
BAN-CHAN,
YOU HAVE TO RUN WHEN WE HIT THE GROUND...OKAY?
WE'RE ALMOST THERE
SSHH

WHOOSH
WHOOSH
PFFT!
FLUTTER
IT'S THAT COLONY...
FROM EARLIER...
BAN-CHAN,
THE GROUND!
STRETCH OUT YOUR LEGS. .
AND RUN!
AAAS
SKID
SKID

clink
clink
clink

RUSTLE
RUSTLE
BAN-CHAN
HURRY!
THIS WAY!
UM...
I'M SURE
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THEM?
Are they injured?
IT LOOKS LIKE THEY CAN'T FLY PROPERLY.
hah
hah
AAHH
uuh
AAAH
UH.
UHH
uuuhh
uuh
AAHH
UUGH

DO YOU REMEMBER?
BAN-CHAN...

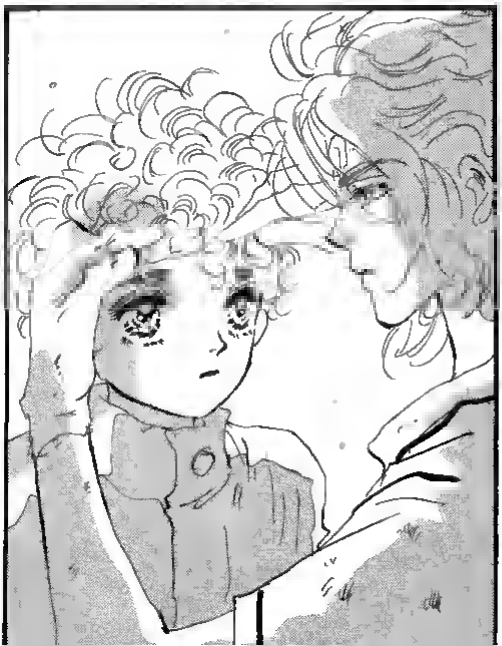

huff
inhale
YOU RE-MEMBER, RIGHT?

WITH CLEAN WATER.
RINSE OUT THE WOUNDS...
DISINFECT THEM.
THE MOST SEVERE FIRST
GOT IT!

R/P
Ah, your ear is torn apart
drip

I...
DIDN'T THINK YOU'D COME BACK
SORRY.

THANK YOU.



YOU'E INJURED, TOO.
HAND THAT OVER.

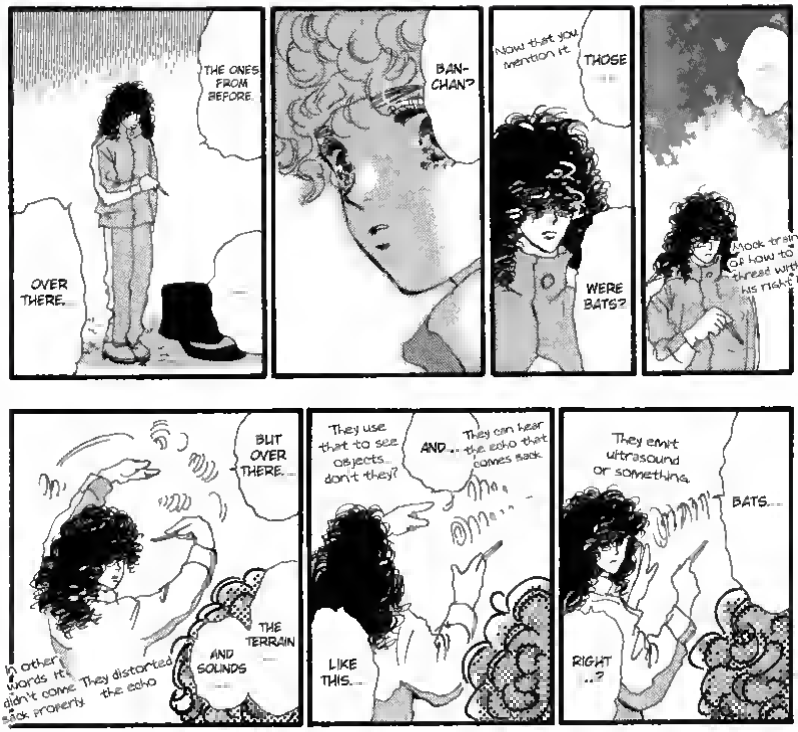
dar.
dar.

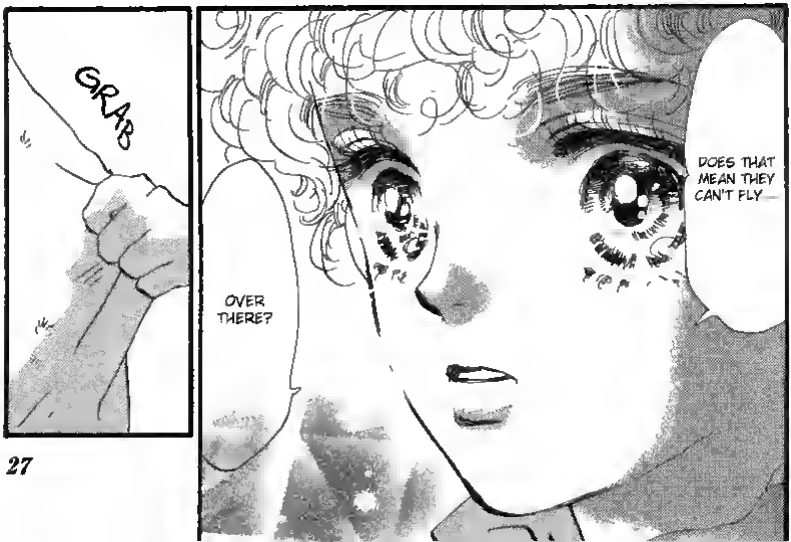
IRON PILLS..
I'VE GOT..
WANT SOME?
FOLIC ACID .. AND SUPPLEMENTS.
I'M.. NOT SURE.
THE FOURTH ..OR SO?
HOW MANY MONTHS ARE YOU?
UM..
HUH ?
I WAS TOLD THAT IT WAS SAFE FOR PREGNANT WOMEN.
TAKE THEM, BUT .
TO. .
HAVE YOU BEEN HERE LONG?
Worried
HUH? YEAH
WHEN I WAS SCHEDULED FOR WEAVING DUTY
WITH PLANT FIBERS AND ANIMAL HAIR..
..
THIS CLOTH?
DID YOU WEAVE .

...
...
WE HAD ENOUGH FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OR SO,
SO I HAVEN'T HAD ANY FOR A WHILE.
...
SO...
WHAT ABOUT SUPPLE-MENTS ...?
THE MEMBERS OF TEAM AUTUMN...
HAVE BEEN HERE FOR ABOUT THREE YEARS.
TAKE ANY.
YOU SHOULDN'T
THEN,
IT'S...
ADJUS-TED...?
HAS ALREADY ADJUSTED
TO THIS ENVIRON-MENT.
HUH?
BECAUSE...
YOUR BODY...

TO A CHILD
SO YOU BECAME PREGNANT.
YOUR BODY..
DECIDED..
THAT IT COULD GIVE BIRTH..
HERE..
WITH NATURAL BREATHING EXERCISES,
YOU SHOULD RELAX..
IN THE OPEN AIR
YOGA,
AND LIGHT EXERCISE..
THAT'S WHY..
You're living being, after all.
WITH FOREIGN SUBSTANCES..
YOU SHOULDN'T SUPPLY IT..
MY BODY...
DECIDED IT...?

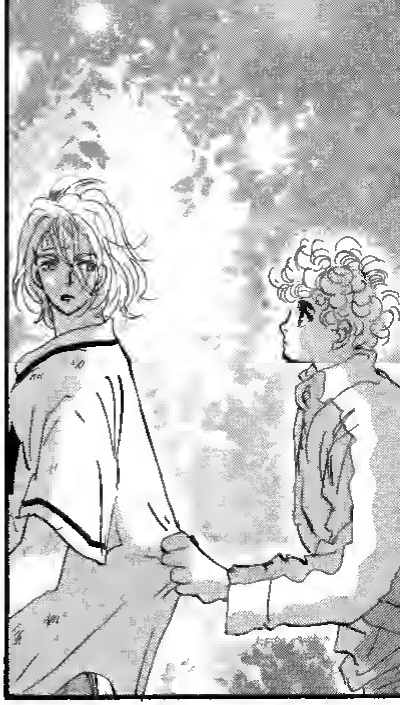
...YES.
WILL YOU KEEP THAT IN MIND...
AS THE BABY GROWS?
AKIRA,
THEY'LL COME BACK.
WE'LL BE IN TROUBLE IF WE DON'T MOVE.
OUR ENEMIES CAN FLY.
I DON'T KNOW WHERE IT'S SAFE.
BUT I'M A NOVICE...
I WAS IN THE MEDICAL CLASS.
KURUMI SEEMS TO HAVE CALMED DOWN, TOO.
I GUESS I SHOULD THANK YOU.
THANKS.
You're Summer A though.
MIND A LOT OF OTHER THINGS.
YOU'RE...
THE MAN FROM THE OTHER DAY, RIGHT?
ARE YOU A DOCTOR?


THE ONES FROM BEFORE.
OVER THERE.
BAN-CHAN?
Now that you mention it
THOSE
WERE BATS?
Mook training. Of how to tie a thread with only his right hand
BUT OVER THERE...
THE TERRAIN
AND SOUNDS
In other words it's like they didn't come back properly
They use that to see objects... don't they?
AND... They can hear the echo that comes back
LIKE THIS...
They emit ultrasound or something.
BATS...
RIGHT...?

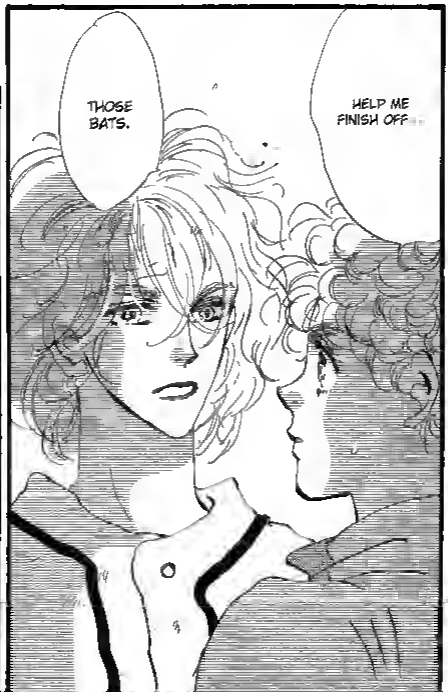

GRAB
OVER THERE?
DOES THAT MEAN THEY CAN'T FLY...

LIM.
OH..

AH...
HARU
SORRY
I'M..
I haven't introduced myself

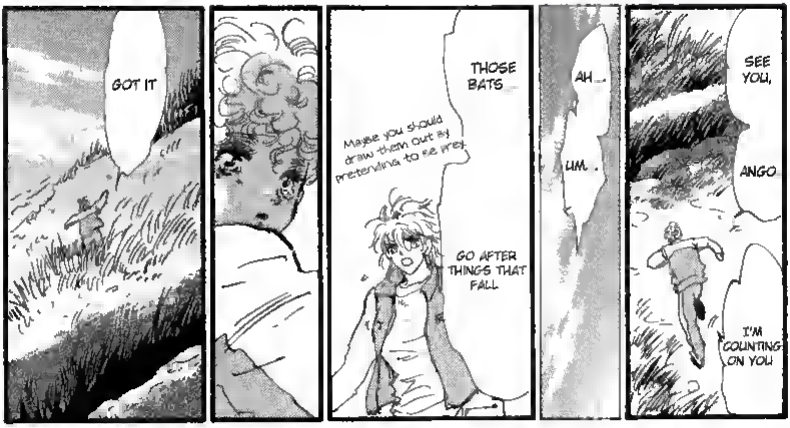


MY NAME
IS KORURI
LIM.


THOSE BATS.
HELP ME FINISH OFF..

THERE'S KORURI
I'M SURE...
THEY'RE CARRYING THEIR GUNS NOW, TOO.
IT'S NO USE.
THEY'RE KEEPING UP EASILY.
WHAT DO I DO?
We're already close.
KORU-RI!
WHERE'S BAN?!
WHAT'S WRONG?
SKID
SKID
ANGO!
GIVE ME A HAND!
I GET IT.

I was just about to beat it.
HARU?
I'LL LEAD THEM TO WHERE I ALWAYS FLY..
HARU IS THERE
WE SHOULD SMOKE THOSE BATS OUT,
AS MANY OF THEM AS POSSIBLE
IS THAT TRUE?!
THANK GOD...
YEAH.
He's fine.
AND I NEED HELP TO SMOKE THOSE BATS OUT.
BAN-CHAN TOOK CARE OF THE OTHERS, TOO
Blocking the holes too
Who is Haru?
IS HARU
ALL RIGHT?!
HARU TOLD ME THAT YOU'D ALSO HELP ME, IF YOU'RE HERE..
OKAY.
Before I left he'd asked me to tell you to come back quickly.
WHAT SHOULD I THINK OF THESE PEOPLE?
YES?
Whoa she's cute too
AH...
COULD YOU BE HANA?


GOT IT
THOSE BATS...
Maybe you should draw them out by pretending to be prey.
GO AFTER THINGS THAT FALL
AH...
UM...
SEE YOU, ANGO
I'M COUNTING ON YOU

HARU...
DID HE AND THAT GIRL...
HOW..

HE CAUGHT UP TO US?!
AT THIS PACE?!
GEN-GORO
I SAW KORURI'S GLIDER.
I'M GLAD I CAUGHT UP TO YOU
AH, THERE YOU ARE, ANGO-KUN.
Who is that Haru?
IT'S BEEN A WHILE...
SINCE I SAW KORURI LIKE THIS

IT SEEMS...
THOSE BATS DIDN'T LIKE THE SMELL...
WHEN WE BURNED THIS.
I BROUGHT SOME
THAT'S HELPFUL
PERFECT.
Heh
LET'S SMOKE THEM OUT WITH THIS
HANA, YOU HELP, TOO.
THERE ARE JUST SO MANY CAVES
HOW AND WHERE SHOULD WE ATTACK...?
THAT SOUNDED LIKE AN ORDE...
Because H...n asked me to
I'D HAVE DONE SO ANYWAY.
I'LL HELP THEM GET RID OF THOSE BATS, BUT...
Hmph
RUSHIE
BEKI
clack

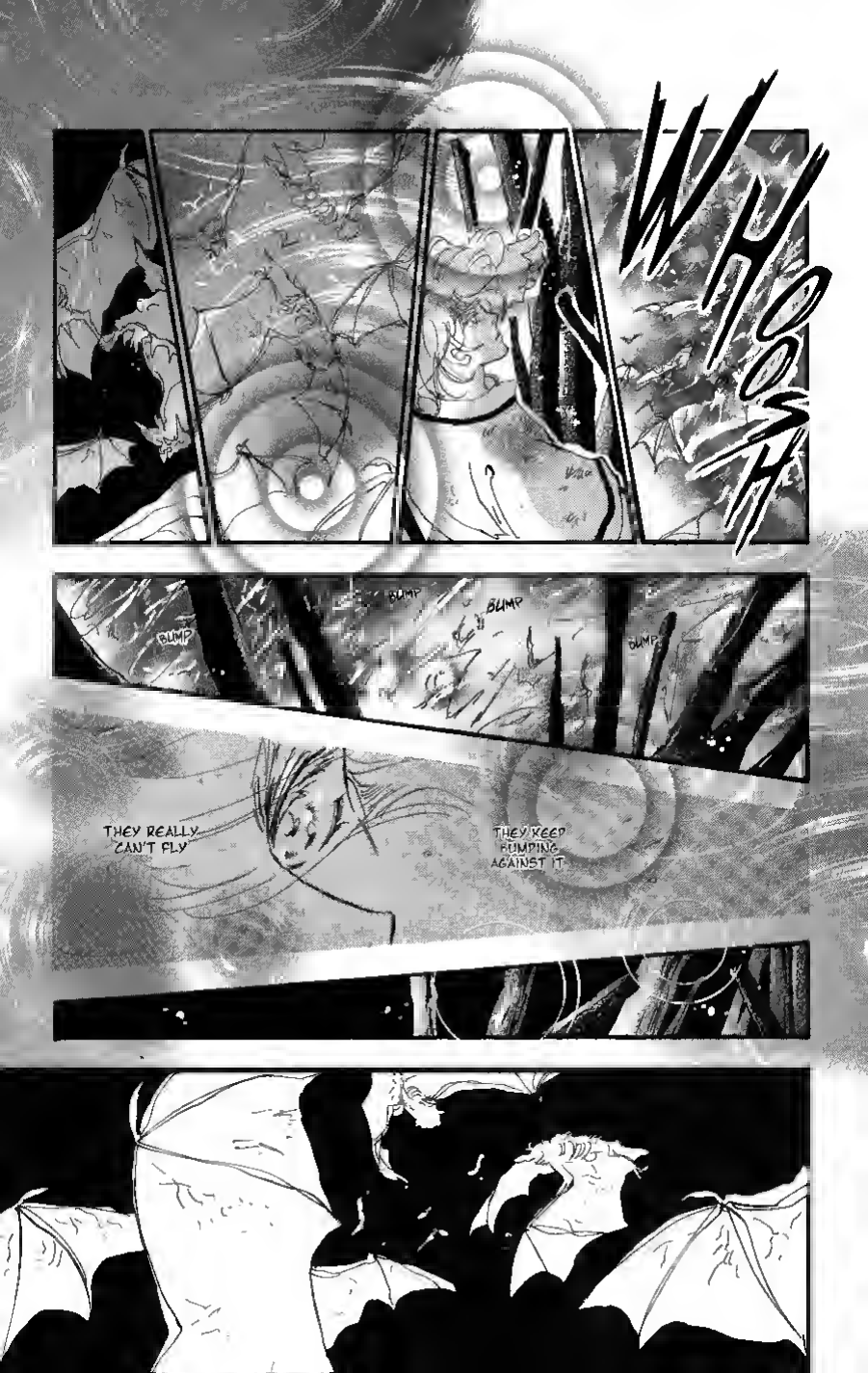
THE BATS
WHERE DID THEY FLY OUT?
LET'S SEE
HUH?
THEY WERE FLYING IN AND OUT OF THOSE CAVES
Don't shoot
WELL,
YOU SEE,
Man,
I WAS SO FRIGHTENED
SOME SCARY THINGS WERE BUZZING AROUND.
I wanted to go back to our place, but they were coming out from there too. So I ran away and hid
SAKUYA-KUN?!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
Don't shoot!
From where the others are and from that hill
FROM WHAT I COULD SEE, THERE WERE 18 SPOTS,
I THINK
DOWN THERE,
BACK THERE
OVER THERE, THERE,
FROM THAT HOLE, THERE AND THERE
Who are these guys by the way?
THAT'S RIGHT
Tehehe
"THE BIRD CATCHER AIMS FOR THE EDGES,"
AND "A RISKY MOVE CAN GAIN AN EARLY VICTORY."*
THAT'S HOW THE SAYINGS GO, RIGHT?
HOW ABOUT SMOKING THEM OUT ALL AT ONCE?
Hmm
THAT'S A MATTER OF THE SEQUENCE
ALL AT ONCE?
pat
pat
THE TIME BETWEEN WHEN THEY ENTERED AND EXITED
ROUGHLY TELLS YOU HOW THEY'RE CONNECTED
INSIDE

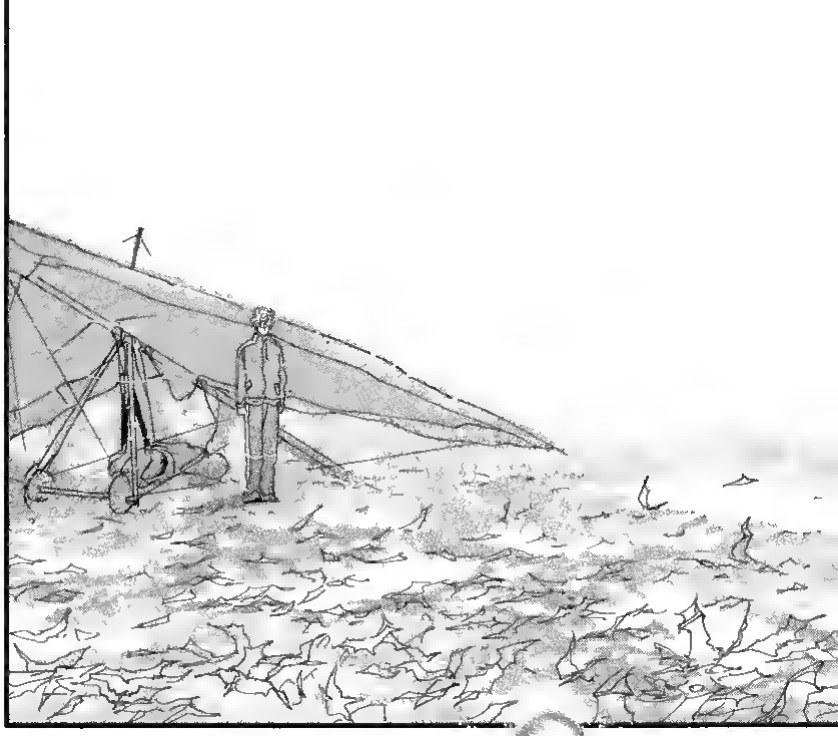
* Shogi sayings. In a common shogi variant, the pieces are named after birds.

CHOP
CHOP
I'M GOOD AT STARTING FIRES
WE SMOKED THE CAVES ACCORDING TO SAKUYA-KUN'S INSTRUCTIONS
Are you sure?
You have to stock it
THIS IS THE FIRST ONE
click
WHOOSH
THEY'RE COMING
SSHH
THAT WAY, ALL OF THEM WOULD EXIT TOGETHER IN ONE SPOT
I'm going to contact Ran-san next. See you
THE CAVES IN ORDER
rustle
rustle
WE SPLIT UP
AND SMOKED OUT

KORURI,
THEY'RE OUT!
I LURED THEM ALONG
AS I SWOOPED DOWN
THE SIGNAL CAME
TODAY...
I'LL MAKE IT IN TIME.
HE'S THERE.

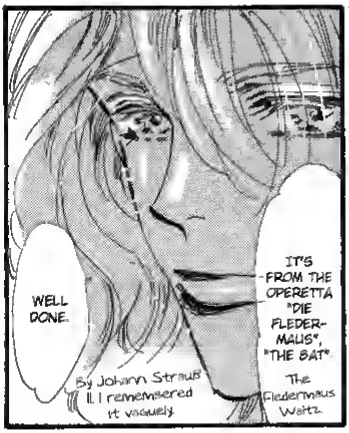
SSH
THEY'RE COMING!
SKID
SKID
WHOOSH


WHOOSH
BUMP
BUMP
BUMP
BUMP
THEY REALLY CAN'T FLY
THEY KEEP BUMPING AGAINST IT



MAYU-CHAN...

EAT OR BE EATEN... HUH?
THAT INCLUDES US, TOO.
THE BATS THAT CRASHED...
WERE HAPPILY EATEN.
THESE PROBABLY WEREN'T ALL OF THEM,
BUT A LOT HAD FALLEN.



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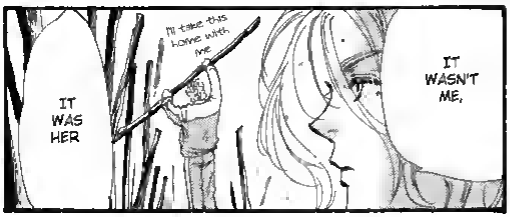
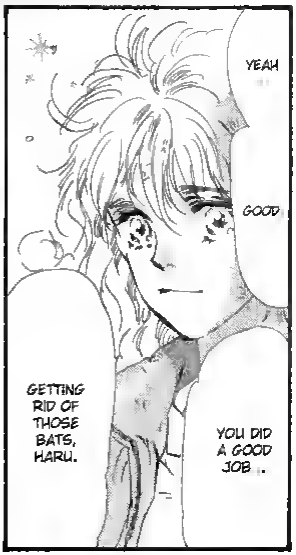
【—Arguments—】

WELCOME BACK
HARU, ARE YOU HURT?!
DID YOU HURT YOUR FINGERS OR SOMETHING?
NO, NOT AT ALL
I'm wearing gloves


I'll take this home with me
IT WAS HER
IT WASN'T ME,


YEAH
GOOD
YOU DID A GOOD JOB!.
GETTING RID OF THOSE BATS, HARU.

AS FOR THAT, HARU
HOW DID YOU TWO BECOME FRIENDS WITHOUT ME KNOWING?
IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE FRIENDS...
...WHAT?
ARE YOU JEALOUS, HANA?
JEAL-OUS ...?
NO, NO.
THAT'S NOT IT.
JUST ADMIT IT.
THIS IS AMAZING!
OH MY!
SINCE YOU GOT RID OF SO MANY BATS...
WE'LL BE SAFE FOR NOW, WON'T WE?
I WOULDN'T SAY THAT.
This is gross! I might step on them
Good job, Genpachiro
I DOUBT THIS IS ALL OF THEM
THEY'LL ATTACK AGAIN
ANGO!
RYO-KUN
With Genpachiro-kun, too.

ARE YOU THAT HARU?
THAT'S RIGHT.
ARE YOU HARU?
WHY?
Am I famous?

HARU'S SKILLS WERE REALLY HELPFUL.
ANGO-KUN.
IN TAKING CARE OF THESE BATS.

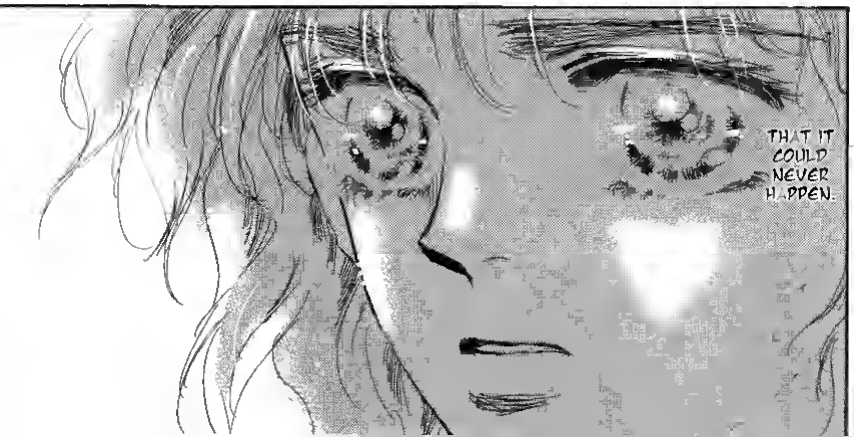
YOU'RE THE ONE
AND SHOT IZAYOI-SAN.
WHO DESTROYED MY OCARINA

YOU'RE THAT GUY WHO PLAYED "GOIN' HOME"
AH.. YOUR VOICE

HUH?
IT CAN'T BE HELPED
SHOULD WE LIVE TOGETHER WITH THEM?
BY THE WAY, WHERE IS MOMOTA?
Retreat
HE'S WITH ARAMAKI-SAN
THESE GUYS GAVE HIM A HARD TIME, SO HE'S PRETTY FRIGHTENED. .
WHAT .
DID YOU JUST SAY?
WELL, THERE MIGHT BE A HAZARD LIKE THIS AGAIN.
SO, ALL OF YOU COME TO OUR PLACE.
LET'S LIVE THERE TOGETHER

FOR WHAT REASON?
What are you up to?
THAT'S SIMPLE.
BECAUSE IT SEEMS THAT IT'S ALSO OUR DUTY...
TO SHELTER YOU CIVILIANS.
CIVILIANS?
I WORKED WITH THEM TO GET RID OF THE BATS OUT OF NECESSITY.
WHY?
BUT IF POSSIBLE, I DON'T WANT TO HAVE ANY MORE TO DO WITH THEM.
WAIT A MINUTE.
HOW DID IT TURN OUT LIKE THIS?
YOUR FRIENDS MIGHT BE ATTACKED AGAIN AS WE STAND HERE TALKING!
YOU'RE SLOW TO CATCH ON, AND YOU QUESTION EVERYTHING!
Step
Step
Step
Step
Step
WE CAN'T LIVE WITH THEM.
NO WAY
Step
HOW EVERYONE IS DOING.
I'LL GO AND CHECK...

I THOUGHT...


THAT IT
COULD
NEVER
HAPPEN.

Oh,
HANA.
RAN-SAN.
Are you okay?
THAT WAS HORRIBLE, WASN'T IT?

THEIR INJURIES SEEMED TO BE PAINFUL, TOO..

EVERY-BODY WAS SO WEAK
BUT STILL,

SAKIYA,
I'M GOING TO SLAP YOU
RAN!!
OH MY, I'M GLAD THAT I WASN'T HERE.

THESE CAVES AREN'T SAFE ANYMORE.
WE HAVE TO MOVE.

FOR GOING OUT OF YOUR WAY...
THANK YOU...
TO HELP MOMOTA.

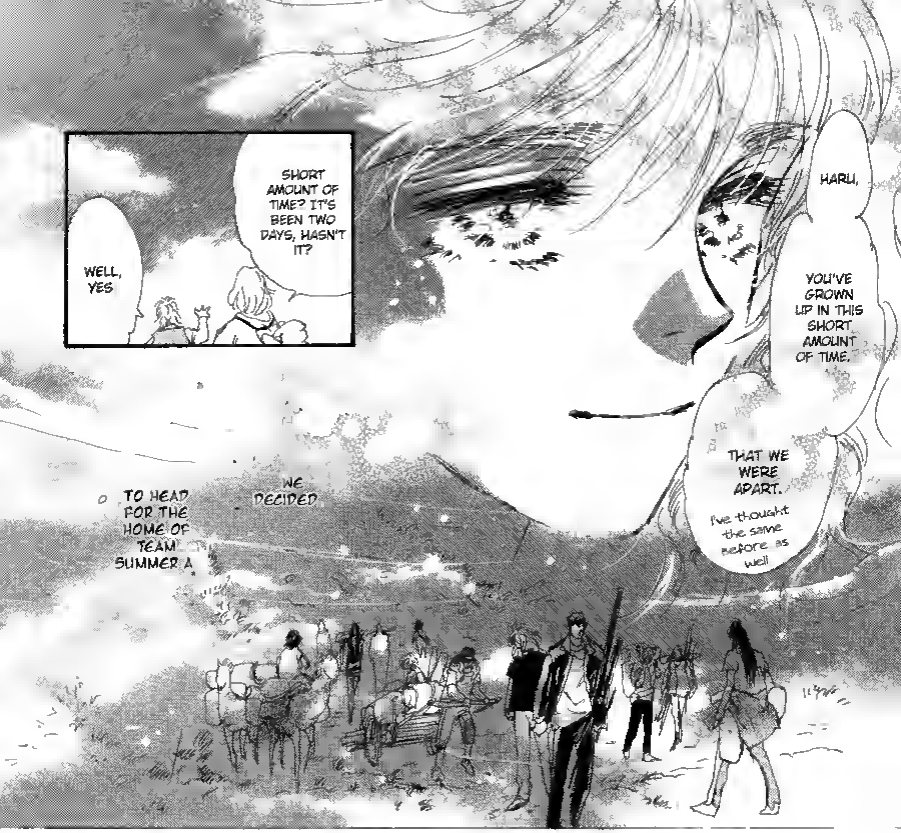
WHERE SHOULD WE GO?
DO KURUMI AND US HAVE TO SLEEP OUTDOORS?
HOW LONG.

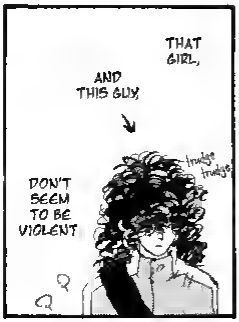
TOOK AN UNEXPECTED TURN, THOUGH.
Hmph
OUR ROAD.

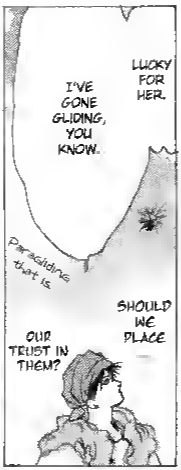
TEAM SUMMER A..
SUGGESTED WE MOVE IN
WITH THEM
OVER THERE?
WHAT? AT THAT PLACE WITH THE ROOFS?
AH,
YEAH
FROM WHAT I SAW,
IT LOOKED WELL DONE AND CLEAN.
IT SEEMED TO BE BUILT PRETTY SOLIDLY.
KURUMI ...
MAY I ACCEPT YOUR HELP?
I...
WILL GO.
BUT IT'S SUMMER A, ISN'T IT?
UM,
SO OUR CHOICE IS BETWEEN CAMPING OUTSIDE ...
AND BEING ATTACKED BY DANGEROUS ANIMALS,
AND STAYING WITH MURDERERS?

HARU,
Play with us.
Yay, yay!
Come on
What now? What do we do? Here they come
DID YOU
FEEL LIKE YOU COULD TRUST THAT GIRL?
SHE FINALLY GOT AWAY
AFTER SHE'D BEEN CAPTURED AND TIED UP,
Haa haa
Pant
BUT STILL, SHE CAME BACK TO HELP US.

WE SHOULD TRUST HER FOR NOW, DON'T YOU THINK?
EVEN THOUGH DRUGS, GAUZE, AND BANDAGES
CAN'T BE REPLACED,
Now the other one
THEY DIDN'T HESITATE TO USE THEM.
THAT'S WHY

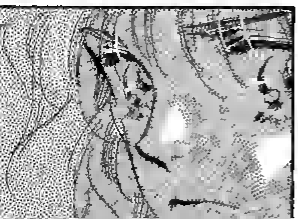

HARU,
YOU'VE GROWN UP IN THIS SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME.
THAT WE WERE APART.
I've thought the same before as well.
WE DECIDED
TO HEAD FOR THE HOME OF TEAM SUMMER A
SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME? IT'S BEEN TWO DAYS, HASN'T IT?
WELL, YES


THAT GIRL,
AND THIS GUY,
DON'T SEEM TO BE VIOLENT
Lovely lovely


LUCKY FOR HER.
I'VE GONE GLIDING, YOU KNOW.
Parasailing that is.
SHOULD WE PLACE OUR TRUST IN THEM?

LATER.
THAT GIRL
I can't believe I'm going to fly through the sky. To make matters worse the summer doesn't start.
TOOK KARITA-SAN, WHO WAS MOST SEVERELY INJURED, AND FLEW AHEAD WITH HIM

I THINK WE'LL BE ABLE TO ARRIVE BEFORE IT GETS DARK.
What kind of animal is this?
GET A MOVE ON Everybody



IS THAT GUY ALWAYS SO IRRITABLE?
BUT WHY...
I'll pretend I don't see it

trudge
trudge

trudge
trudge I NEED...
Why is he watching me?
TO BE CAREFUL TOO...

jolt
trudge

IF IT SEEMS TO BE HARD ON HIM,
I'LL JUST LEAVE WITH HIM
ON MY OWN

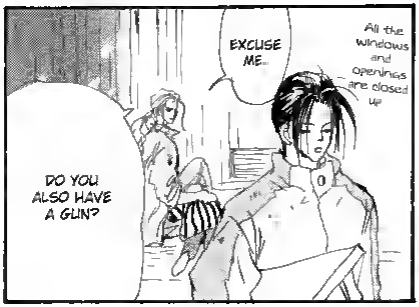
BUT...
THEY AREN'T FAZED
MOMOTA PROBABLY WON'T LIKE IT

THERE WAS AN UNDERGROUND STORAGE ROOM, WASN'T THERE?

WELL, NOTHING VENTURED, NOTHING GAINED, RIGHT?
trudge
trudge
WHAT'S THERE TO GAIN, AKIRA?

Okay I'm done.
click

He fell asleep
zzzz


EXCUSE ME..
All the windows and openings are closed up
DO YOU ALSO HAVE A GUN?

LIKE I CARRY IT AROUND EVERY DAY.
IT'S NOT..

WHY?
WHY DO ONLY YOU..?
THERE WEREN'T ANY IN OUR PACKS.
TEAM SPRING AND TEAM AUTUMN DON'T HAVE ANY EITHER.
DID YOU HAVE THEM FROM THE START?
YES.

BECAUSE WE ARE SPECIAL.
WHOA!
AMAZING!
THIS IS GREAT.
THERE'S A SHOWER OVER HERE.
IS THIS A RESTROOM?
IT'S WELL BUILT.
THEY DIDN'T USE ANY NAILS.
AND IT SEEMS THEIR TOOLS WERE LIMITED, TOO.
HOW LONG ...
HAVE YOU BEEN IN THIS WORLD?
UM...
I WAS ASKING YOU
HUH?
A LITTLE LESS
THAN THREE MONTHS?

ARAMAKI-SAN
MOMOTA,
ARE YOU OKAY?
Yay!
HANA-SAN!
HARU, TOO.
THANK GOD.
Oh, it's Momota.
THEY'RE THE MEMBERS OF TEAM AUTUMN
YEAH,
THERE ARE A LOT OF STRANGERS
IT WAS THREE YEARS...
WORTH OF WORK.
When I saw it, it was buried by ash, though.
THAT'S IMPRESSIVE.
VILLAGE AUTUMN WAS MUCH NICER, WASN'T IT?
THEY...
CALL ME...
NOBITA.
I'M NOBI MOMOTARO!
YES!
UM,
YOU'RE MOMOTA RIGHT?
What a little boy
It's a little kid.
I WISH WE HAD DORA-CHAN'S TIME MACHINE
AH!
YOU DON'T WEAR GLASSES
How cute
Nobimoto's Nobimomo
NOBITA?
YOU REALLY LOOK LIKE HIM.

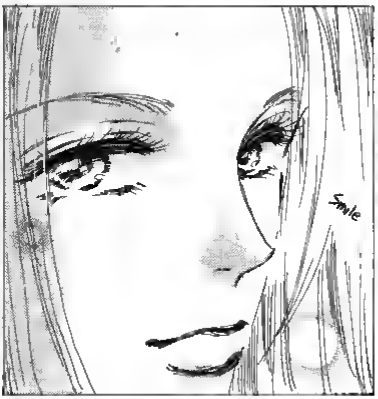
AAAAAAAAAAAA
NORMAL PEOPLE!!
MOMOTA?
IS THERE ANYBODY IN THIS COUNTRY WHO DOESN'T KNOW NOBITA?
I even know Jiyuuka. That is I knew her
I MISS MANGA AND ANIME.
I wonder if there's anyone who can draw anime for us
YOU KNOW...
NOBITA ?!
FIRST,
WE SHOULD ALL INTRODUCE OURSELVES SO WE AREN'T DOING THIS BLIND
I'M ANGO.
AYU.
KORURI
GENGORO
NIJIKO.
I'M RYO
BAN

OH MY!
EVERYONE IN TEAM SUMMER A...
IS SO PRETTY.
THIS ASS-KISSER WITH ULTERIOR MOTIVES IS SAKUYA.
WE'RE TEAM AUTUMN.

I'M RAN.
I'm tired now.
AKIRA
I'M KURUMI
RYUSEI
AKANE.
I was dying today.
KARITA
Dying
Um...
EVERY-BODY'S GIVING THEIR FIRST NAMES, RIGHT?
I don't like it because it sounds like a woman's name.
HAZUKI.

I'M HANA.
WE'RE TEAM SPRING.
HARU
My name is
MOMO-TARO.
WHERE OUR OTHER MEMBERS ARE NOW.
WE DON'T KNOW...
I'M THE ONLY MEMBER OF TEAM WINTER.
NICE TO MEET YOU.
ARAMAKI TAKAHIRO.

WE RISE WITH THE SUN,
AND WE HAVE A DUTY ROSTER FOR PREPARING FOOD
WE DIVIDE UP OUR WORK,
SO DO YOUR BEST EVEN IF YOU AREN'T GOOD AT IT.


Smile

Ryuusen is really too modest.
OH MY, THEY REALLY ARE PRETTY.
ESPECIALLY HER.

I WONDER
ARAMAKI-SAN!

HANA,
SHE TRUMPS YOU

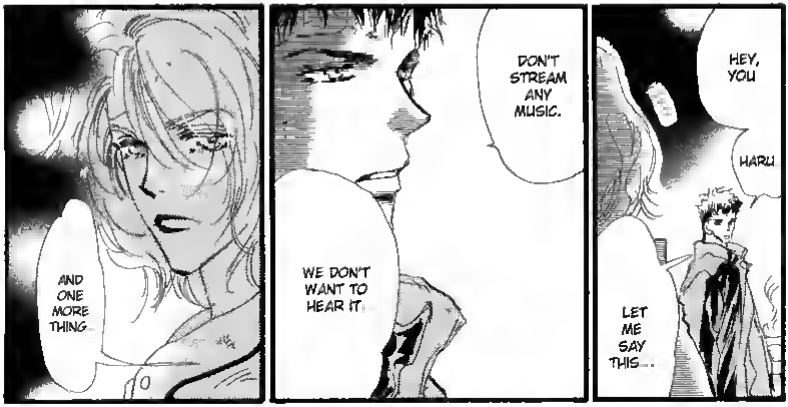
DON'T LET HER TRICK YOU!
HUH?

YOU CAN USE THIS CABIN.
I GUESS IT'LL BE CRAMPED. SO WE'LL EXPAND IT TOMORROW.
DON'T GO NEAR THE TREE HOUSE OR THE SUSPENSION BRIDGE

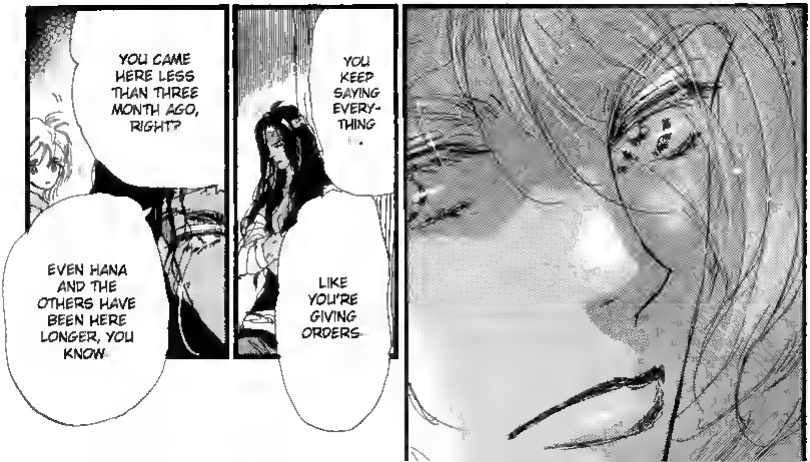
THERE ISN'T ANY WOMAN MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN MITSURU-SAN.
Sting
HUH...?
AH
WHAT'S THIS? I WAS STARTLED
NO! YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL, TOO, HANA-SAN.
I'M SORRY.
THIS ISN'T SOMETHING YOU CAN COMPARE.
You lost ten points!
OH, IT'S OKAY
TO ARAMAKI-SAN,
THAT GIRL IS THE PRETTIEST

I CAN'T BE SO FULL OF MYSELF
THAT ISN'T ANYTHING TO BE SHOCKED ABOUT.
Should I help you?
Isn't it a lot of work to cook for so many?
No, it's my duty.
I'm used to cook for lots of adults.

HE'D TELL ME THAT I'M THE PRETTIEST.
IF...
ARASHI WERE HERE,


AND ONE MORE THING...
WE DON'T WANT TO HEAR IT!
DON'T STREAM ANY MUSIC.
HEY, YOU
HARU
LET ME SAY THIS...

WITH KORURI
STOP ACTING SO CLOSE...


YOU CAME HERE LESS THAN THREE MONTH AGO, RIGHT?
EVEN HANA AND THE OTHERS HAVE BEEN HERE LONGER, YOU KNOW.
YOU KEEP SAYING EVERY-THING...
LIKE YOU'RE GIVING ORDERS.

WHAT DO YOU CIVILIANS KNOW?
HOW LONG YOU'VE BEEN HERE ISN'T THE ISSUE.
IT'S ONLY NATURAL THAT THE ELITE STAND ABOVE OTHERS, ISN'T IT?
SO I'D LIKE YOU TO CHANGE HOW YOU SPEAK TO US.
WE'RE MORE EXPERIENCED, AREN'T WE?
WE'VE BEEN HERE FOR MORE THAN THREE YEARS,
AND ARAMAKI TOLD US THAT IT'S BEEN FIFTEEN YEARS FOR HIM.
UM,
CAN YOU GIVE US MORE OF AN EXPLANATION?
I'LL LET YOU KNOW WHEN DINNER IS READY
Angelica, do you have a minute?
IT WAS DECIDED AT THE START.
WE'RE DIFFERENT THAN YOU.
HOH,
ELITE?
WHO SAID YOU'RE ELITE?

IF YOU DON'T, WE WON'T BE ABLE TO LIVE HERE WITHOUT WORRYING.
SURE, YOU'RE KIND OF DIFFERENT FROM US.
IF YOU AREN'T CIVILIANS,
THEN PLEASE TELL US WHO YOU ARE.
WE'RE KIND OF DIFFE-RENT?
IT SEEMS
LIKE YOU CAME HERE WITHOUT ANY TESTING
TO BE CHOSEN.
YOU GOT HERE.
WITHOUT STRUGGLING AND TRYING YOUR HARDEST.
SLAP
UGH!
WELL,
IT'S NOT...
LIKE WE WANTED TO BE CHOSEN

RYUSEI!!
RYUSEI-KUN.
PUMP
SHOULD I TEAR OFF THAT MOUTH OF YOURS?!
YOU...
YOU AREN'T QUALIFIED TO BE HERE
WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO COME HERE EVEN IF YOU WANTED TO!
SO SHUT THE HELL UP!
NONE OF YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO COME HERE, EVEN IF YOU WANTED TO!
WAIT A MINUTE!
DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU'D COME HERE?!
DID YOU KNOW
THAT A COMET WOULD STRIKE
AND ELIMINATE MANKIND?!
OF COURSE
WE WERE TOLD SO EVER SINCE WE WERE LITTLE.
WE ..
WERE RAISED TO COME HERE.

WE WERE BORN AND RAISED...
IN A SECRET FACILITY SOMEWHERE IN THE MOUNTAINS.
THERE WERE A FEW HUNDRED OF US AT THE START, I GUESS.
THERE WERE ONLY THE TEACHERS AND US.
THAT'S WHY WE DON'T HAVE ANY PARENTS.
WE WORKED HARD...
ON OUR DAILY ASSIGNMENTS AND TESTS.
ALL TO BE CHOSEN AS ONE OF THE "MAGNIFICENT SEVEN".
IT DOESN'T MATTER, DOES IT?
IT LOOKS LIKE THEY WANT TO KNOW.
AYU.
THE PURPOSE OF THE FACILITY WAS TO CHOOSE SEVEN...
WHO'D COME HERE.

SOMEONE WOULD DROP OUT AND VANISH EVERY DAY ...
BECAUSE THEY WEREN'T GOOD AT STUDYING,
COULDN'T CLIMB THE CLIFF,
WEREN'T ATHLETIC ENOUGH,
WEREN'T ABLE TO HANDLE THEIR ROUTINE DUTIES...
OR THEIR EYESIGHT HAD DETERIO-RATED
ONE DAY I LEARNED..
THAT THEY HAD BEEN DISPOSED OF LIKE CATTLE
I GUESS THEY THOUGHT ..
THAT THEY WERE FREE TO BOTH GRANT LIFE AND TAKE IT AWAY
ANIMALS AND US, TOO
THE TEACHERS
ENJOYED IT
FOR THE LAST TEST
THAT WOULD DECIDE THE SEVEN,
THEY SENT US OUT INTO THE MOUNTAINS

IT WAS WINTER
THE TEST WAS MERELY TO SURVIVE
THEY ALL DIED,
ALL TOO SOON.
WE ARE THE SEVEN SURVIVORS.
DO YOU KNOW?
YOU DON'T, DO YOU?
I'M SURE ...
YOU DON'T KNOW.
THIS COLD.
YOU DON'T KNOW.

AND WHY!
WHAT WE DID,
YOU DON'T KNOW ...
WHAT IT WAS LIKE!
YOU DON'T KNOW ...

I DON'T KNOW ANYMORE ...
WHAT I'VE LOST,
AND WHAT I'VE GAINED.
WANT ME TO TELL YOU ?.
WHY MY HAIR TURNED GREY ALL AT ONCE?
DO YOU WANT TO KNOW WHY I TURNED GREY?
YOU CALLED ME SILVER-HAIRED, RIGHT?
MOMO-TARO
HAH—
AH!

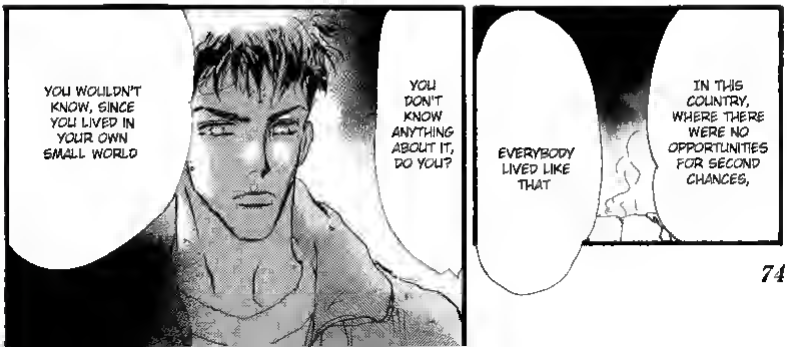
AAAAH!
HOW MY FRIENDS WERE KILLED?!
SHOULD I TELL YOU...
YOU CIVILIANS JUST SIMPLY CAME HERE ...
WITHOUT KNOWING A THING!
DO YOU KNOW ALL THAT?
THE LEADERS THERE WERE SERIOUS.
THEY CUT PEOPLE DOWN WITHOUT MERCY.
IT'S SIMILAR TO THE SOCIETY IN THE SHELTER ...
BUT...
THAT WAS DESCRIBED IN MARK'S DIARY
THIS STORY...
I DON'T UNDERSTAND
IS UNBELIEVABLE

I WISH ALL OF YOU HAD BEEN KILLED ...
AND THEY COULD HAVE COME ALONG INSTEAD!

I WAS SEARCHING MY MEMORY
FOR SOMETHING
A STORY OF MINE TO TELL HIM I'D HAD IT ROUGH, TOO...
OR AN EXPERIENCE SO I COULD SAY THAT I UNDERSTOOD
BUT THERE WASN'T ANYTHING.
I DIDN'T HAVE A REPLY.
I'D BEEN A HAPPY GIRL.
I...
CAN'T RELATE TO THAT.

BUT THAT MEANS...
THAT YOU'VE BEEN BROUGHT UP WELL SHELTERED I'D SAY
WITH A PATH LAID OUT FOR YOU...
JUST DOING YOUR BEST AT WHAT THEY SAID, WITHOUT ANY DOUBTS
THAT... IS EASY.
WHAT... DID YOU SAY?
Crunch.
NOW LISTEN.
FOR US SO-CALLED CIVILIANS HERE...
LIFE IS A SERIES OF TESTS, TOO.
WE COMPETE WITH EACH OTHER FROM THE DAY WE'RE BORN, JUST LIKE YOU DID
AND WE DON'T HAVE A FEW HUNDRED PEOPLE AS RIVALS,
WE HAVE EVERY-BODY...
PEOPLE HANG THEMSELVES BECAUSE THEY FAIL AN EXAM
PEOPLE SET UP COMPANIES, GO BANKRUPT, RUN AWAY...
AND PERISH DEEP IN A FOREST...

IS THAT ALL OF THIS IS THE RESULT OF A PATH THAT WE DECIDED UPON OURSELVES.
WHAT'S DIFFERENT ABOUT US ...
AND DO YOU KNOW?
IS THE FACT THAT WE HAVE TO CHOOSE FROM MANY PATHS..
AS WELL AS OUR GOALS, THE COURSE OF OUR LIVES, THE MEANS WE USE THE LOCATION..
AND THE PEOPLE WE ASSOCIATE WITH ALL BY OURSELVES.
WHAT'S MOST FRIGHTENING ABOUT IT...
IS A HEAVY RESPONSI-BILITY
THAT...


YOU WOULDN'T KNOW, SINCE YOU LIVED IN YOUR OWN SMALL WORLD
YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT, DO YOU?
EVERYBODY LIVED LIKE THAT
IN THIS COUNTRY, WHERE THERE WERE NO OPPORTUNITIES FOR SECOND CHANCES,

DON'T LOOK DOWN ON US "COMMON FOLK".

WE STARTED TO BUILD A COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

WE...
Dinner is ready. Want some?
DON'T REALLY NEED TO UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER, DO WE?

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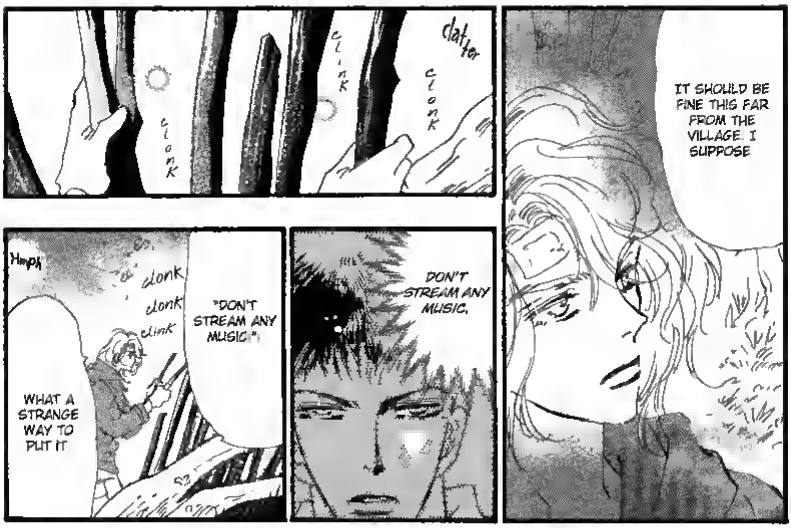
clonk
clink
clatter
clonk
IT SHOULD BE FINE THIS FAR FROM THE VILLAGE. I SUPPOSE
Hmph
clonk
clonk
clink
"DON'T STREAM ANY MUSIC."
WHAT A STRANGE WAY TO PUT IT
DON'T STREAM ANY MUSIC.

HARU,
IT'S DANGEROUS TO WANDER AROUND IN THE FOREST ALONE
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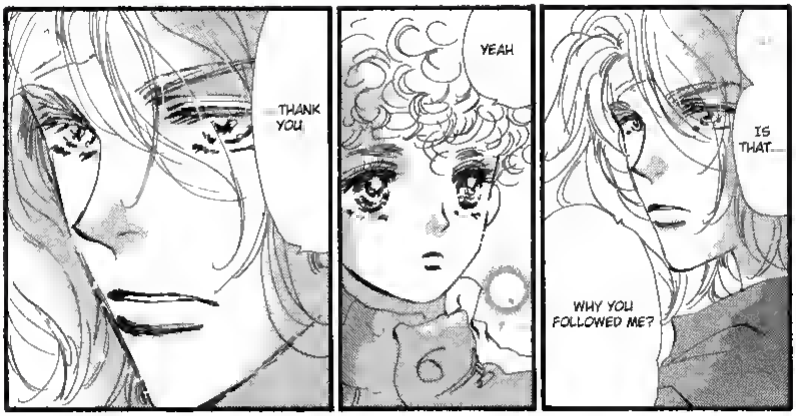
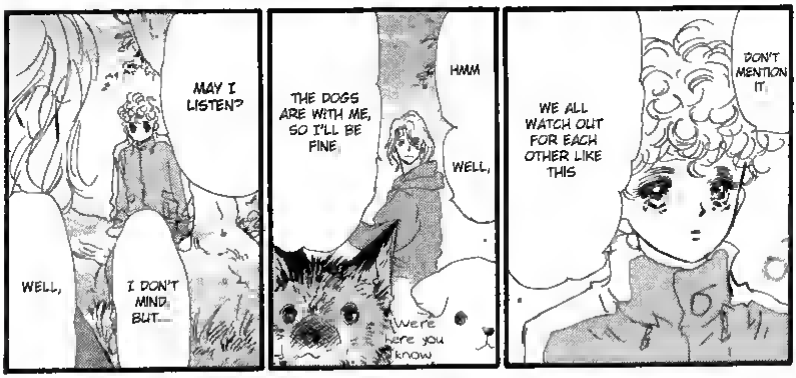
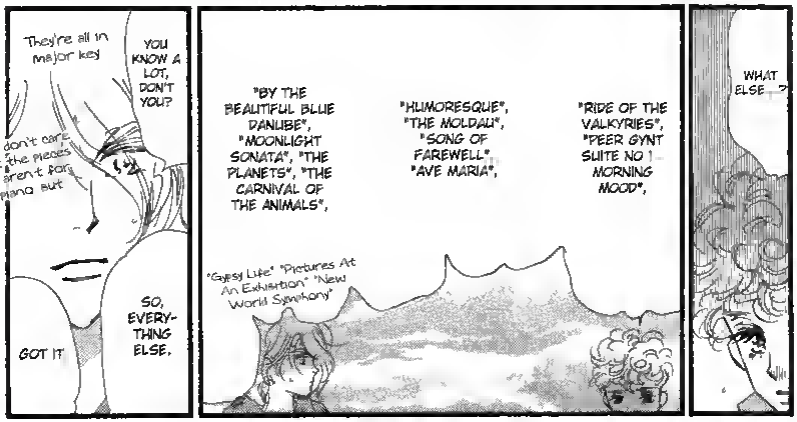

THANK YOU
YEAH
IS THAT...
WHY YOU FOLLOWED ME?


MAY I LISTEN?
WELL,
I DON'T MIND, BUT...
THE DOGS ARE WITH ME, SO I'LL BE FINE
HMM
WELL,
were here you know
WE ALL WATCH OUT FOR EACH OTHER LIKE THIS
DON'T MENTION IT

TOLD ME THAT. AM I BEING TOO CLOSE?
STOP ACTING SO CLOSE WITH KORURI.
THAT DUDE, ANGO,

HMM
I DON'T NEED TO LISTEN TO WHAT HE SAYS, RIGHT?
THEN
...NO.
...HE'S MY FRIEND
WHAT IS HE? YOUR BROTHER? OR YOUR BOYFRIEND?
ANGO SAID THAT?!
OKAY, A MORNING PIECE
I'M AFRAID IT WON'T SOUND VERY NICE HERE, THOUGH.
I don't have all the right stitches, but it'll do for now.
clink
clank
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO HEAR?
YOU DON'T LIKE...
"A MAIDEN'S PRAYER", RIGHT?
"GOIN' HOME"...
IS NO GOOD, EITHER
ANYTHING ELSE?
While I'm at it

* "Ride Of The Valkyries" by Richard Wagner, "Peer Gynt Suite No. 1 - Morning Mood" by Edvard Grieg, "Humoresque" and "New World Symphony" by Antonin Dvorak, "The Moldau" by Bedrich Smetana, "Song of Farewell" (Etude Op. 10 No. 3 also known as "Tristesse") by Frederic Chopin, "Ave Maria" by Franz Schubert "By The Beautiful Blue Danube" by Johann Strauss II, "Moonlight Sonata" by Ludwig van Beethoven, "The Planets" by Gustav Holst "The Carnival Of The Animals" by Camille Saint-Saens, "Gypsy Life" by Robert Schuhmann, "Pictures At An Exhibition" by Modest Mussorgsky



**"The Little Dog Waltz" ("Minute Waltz") by Frederic Copin

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tinkle

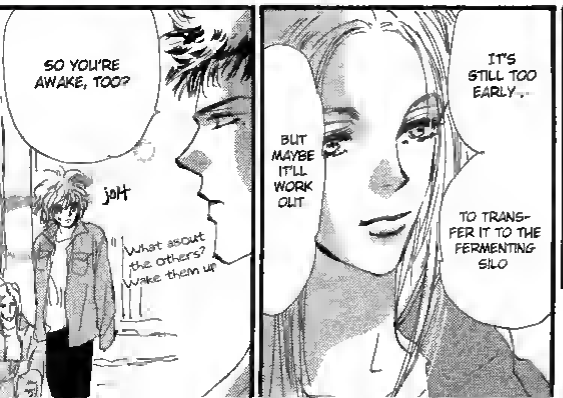
HARU LEFT AT DAWN OR SO.
I THOUGHT HE WAS GOING TO THE BATHROOM, BUT HE NEVER CAME BACK
creak
HARU?
Haa
snore
snore
THE AUTUMN GUYS ARE HARD CORE
BUT FOR SOME REASON, I WAS JUST WORRIED...
I WAS DOZING
Once I fall asleep I sleep like a log.
YOU COULDN'T SLEEP?
ARAMAKI-SAN
I BET YOU THOUGHT THAT YOU HAD TO KEEP AN EYE ON THE SUMMER A GUYS OR SOMETHING.
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
THAT'S JUST LIKE YOU HANA-SAN
YOU TOO, HANA-SAN?

I...
I WAS ABOUT TO SAY SOMETHING, TOO.
DID I MAKE YOU WORRY?
sigh
IT BROUGHT BACK YOUR OWN BITTER EXPERIENCES, RIGHT?
WHEN YOU HEARD THE STORY OF TEAM SUMMER A...
YOU WERE CRYING, WEREN'T YOU?
KNOWS THIS COLD.
NOBODY ...
THAT I'M HAPPY NOW...
BECAUSE I WAS ABLE TO MEET SO MANY PEOPLE.
AS .
I WAS WATCHING EVERYBODY SLEEP,
I THOUGHT —.
BUT SEEING THEM...
TO FEEL SORRY FOR YOURSELF LIKE THIS.
SHOWED ME CLEARLY THAT IT ISN'T GOOD.

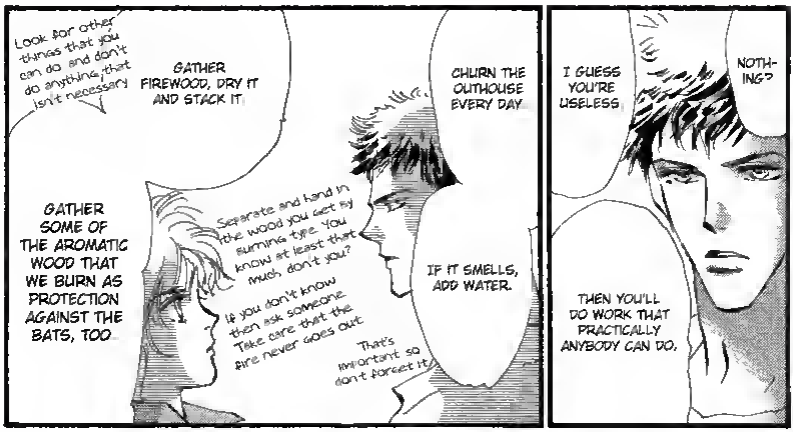
AND HE'S A TOP ATHLETE FROM THE KOUSHIEN TOURNAMENT,
HE'S AN ADULT
BUT SOMETIMES I FEEL LIKE HUGGING HIM
THAT'S...
HOW HE WAS ABLE .
TO SURVIVE BY HIMSELF, RIGHT?
ARAMAKI-SAN .
CAN PULL HIMSELF TOGETHER LIKE THIS
HARU!
FISHY ...?
chuckle
I WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU, YOU KNOW!
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
You could have been captured by someone again.
WHAT ARE YOU TWO DOING?
HANA,
trudge
trudge
trudge
YOU'RE ACTING FISHY.
TO AT LEAST SQUEEZE HIS HAND?
IS IT OKAY...
ARASHI,
WOULD THAT BE OKAY?

HANA,
SAY,
I'M AN HONEST PERSON, RIGHT?
HUH?
WELL,
YOU'RE ECCENTRIC TO THE POINT OF BEING CUTE.
THAT'S RIGHT
I SAY "THANK YOU".
mutter
RIGHT AWAY, AND STUFF...
Ah
HERE THEY COME.

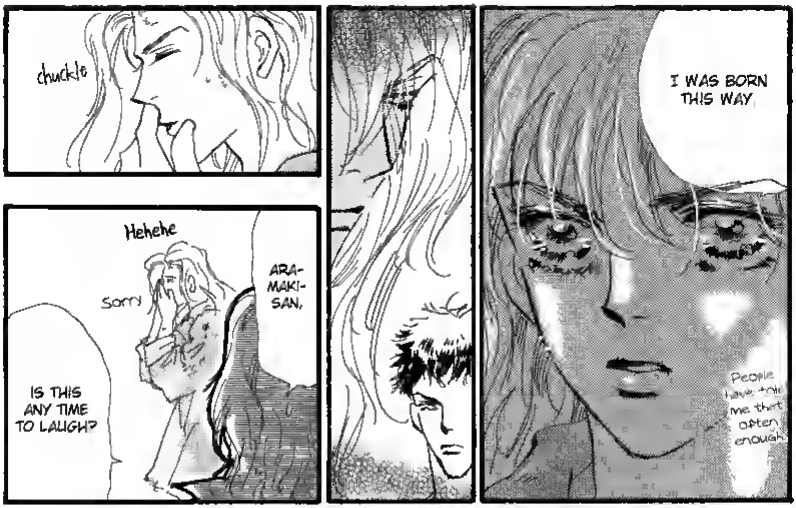
THEY'RE AS EFFICIENT AS EVER.


SO YOU'RE AWAKE, TOO?
joH
What about the others? Wake them up
IT'S STILL TOO EARLY...
BUT MAYBE IT'LL WORK OUT
TO TRANSFER IT TO THE FERMENTING SILO
AYU-SAN,
THANK YOU.
I CHURNED THE OUTHOUSE.
added water and moss, too

He's addressing a him without an honorific?
IF IT'S TRUE THAT YOU'VE BEEN HERE FOR FIFTEEN YEARS,
ARA-MAKI,
I'LL BE PICKING YOUR MIND BIT BY BIT.
I HAVE LOADS OF QUESTIONS.
BEING TORTURED OR KILLED.
I WON'T TOLERATE ANYONE.
NO MATTER THE CIRCUM-STANCES,
AND SHE'S USED TO CAMPING.
HANA-SAN IS GOOD AT CLIMBING.
THOSE AREN'T SPECIAL SKILLS.
HUH ..?
HANA,
YOU,
WHAT'S YOUR SPECIAL SKILL?
ANYTHING ELSE?
THEY'RE THE MINIMUM NECESSARY REQUIRE-MENTS.


Look for other things that you can do and don't do anything that isn't necessary
GATHER FIREWOOD, DRY IT AND STACK IT
CHURN THE OUTHOUSE EVERY DAY
GATHER SOME OF THE AROMATIC WOOD THAT WE BURN AS PROTECTION AGAINST THE BATS, TOO
Separate and hand in the wood you sent by burning tips. You know at least that much, don't you?
If you don't know then ask someone. Take care that the fire never goes out
That's important so don't forget it!
IF IT SMELLS, ADD WATER.
I GUESS YOU'RE USELESS
NOTHING?
THEN YOU'LL DO WORK THAT PRACTICALLY ANYBODY CAN DO.

We told you to stop ordering us around
YOU...
It was a request not an order
HEY!
BUT, FOR NOW CAN YOU REFRAIN.
I'M...
USELESS?
DON'T BE SO CHEEKY.
FROM FORCING THE SEVERELY INJURED TO WORK?
HANA-SAN, YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO WHAT HE DEMANDS.
I'M OK WITH ANY WORK HE GIVES ME
NO, SOMEONE HAS TO DO ALL THAT.


chuckle
I WAS BORN THIS WAY
People have told me that often enough.
Hehehe
Sorry
ARA-MAKI-SAN,
IS THIS ANY TIME TO LAUGH?

Yawn
Eh Ouch
GOOD MORNING!

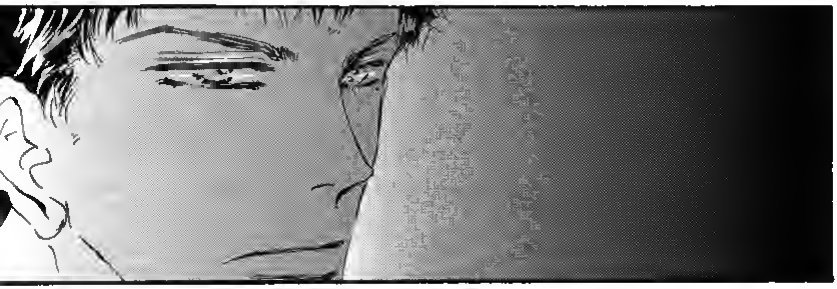
HMM.
THIS IS HOW CHILDREN ARE SUPPOSED TO BE TREATED, YOU KNOW
It hurts where he hit me.
MORNING? YOU COULD SLEEP?
MOMOTA-KUN, MORNING
You're so cute
MOMOTA, YOU'RE GOING TO BE A BRAT TODAY TOO, AREN'T YOU?
Hey!
ruffle
MOMO-TA

I didn't say anything. I won't call you 'silver-haired' ever again.
THAT SILVER-HAIRED GUY...
Oops!

This time there really are lots of nice ladies around
I'M FINE.
I WON'T GET NEAR

ARE YOU OKAY?

IT'S NICE TO HAVE A FLOOR AND A ROOF AFTER SUCH A LONG TIME.
Ow
stretch
AH, I SLEPT GREAT.



Um... LISTEN,
I FORGOT TO TELL YOU ONE THING
I SAID WHAT I DID LAST NIGHT,

BUT IT CAN ALSO BE FUN
TO WALK THE PATH THAT YOU'VE CHOSEN YOURSELF.
pat
AKANE-SAN.
I'M GENGORO.
...UM
WHO was he again?
I TOLD YOU NOT TO TOUCH 'EM WITHOUT ASKING
WHAT'RE YOU DOING?

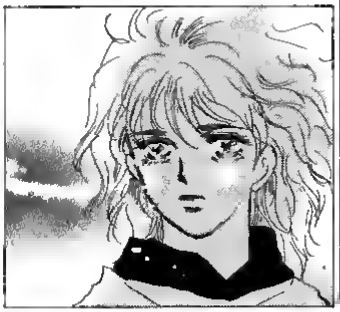
?
BECAUSE I'M FROM KANSAI?
Weird? Is it that different?
WHAT PREFECTURE ARE YOU FROM? TOKYO?
Though you said you lived in the mountains
...IT'S WEIRD..
HOW YOU SPEAK.
Your pronunciation is... that is.
YOU REMEMBERED... MY NAME?
YOU TOLD US
EVERYBODY ELSE'S, TOO?
After learning it once?
I couldn't do that
Why are you taking to him so easily?
WHERE DID YOU FIND THESE ANIMALS?
I HAVEN'T SEEN THEM AROUND HERE.
OH,
THERE WERE A LOT OF 'EM IN THE WEST.
WHAT PREFECTURE...?
WELL,
I DON'T KNOW.
Ah. It's a dialect mark?
They don't have mucus!
and their teeth are good
YOU DON'T KNOW IT?
NO, I DON'T KNOW IT.
IT'S A FAMOUS PICTURE BOOK
STRANGE NAMES.
Guri and Gura ?
Hmm
THESE TWO ARE A PAIR.
THEY'RE CALLED GURI AND GURA*.
They're good guys
THEM.
'EM?
BUT WE COULDN'T GET 'EM OUT THROUGH THE ASH
WE GOT A FEW OF 'EM.
GOT?

*Guri and Gura: Picture book by Rieko Nakagawa

IT WOULDN'T BE GOOD IF YOU WERE ATTACKED
SO I'LL COME WITH YOU.
WHAT DO GURI AND GURA EAT?
IN THE AREA THAT THEY LIKE.
THEY EAT THE GRASS AND HERBS.....
OH, ANYTHING.
I'LL TAKE THEM OUT TO GRAZE FOR A WHILE
AFTER THAT I'LL MILK THEM.
IT'S UNEXPECTEDLY HARD TO DO IT INSIDE THIS ROOM...
IF YOU'RE USED TO DOING IT OUTSIDE
IT DOESN'T STINK AS MUCH AS I EXPECTED
They use this as their compost? Amazing.
THE OUTHOUSE.
CHURN
CHURN
CHURN
CHURN,
CHURN,
How long?
ALL RIGHT.
LET'S CHURN.
This is great.

USELESS AND WITHOUT TALENT BEFORE.
I'VE NEVER BEEN CALLED...
AFTER COMING HERE.
AND I THOUGHT I'D BEEN REALLY
WE'RE FINE.
We don't need your help
YOU'LL HAVE TO FOLLOW MY INSTRUCTIONS
Civilians are hard to talk to
I once took architecture courses
I ALREADY HAVE EXPERIENCE,
SO I DON'T WANT A NEWCOMER TO BUTT IN.
HE HAS A POINT.
BUT WELL
Job done
bam
WE'LL BUILD THE EXTENSION OURSELVES
I'll use this for it
THE BATHROOM IS IMPORTANT
SO I'LL CLEAN IT, TOO.
THAT'S MORTIFYING
IT'S MORTIFYING HANA

THERE'S NO ONE..
WHO CAN BEAT ME AT THAT.
I lose to my grandmother though
Yes, I have

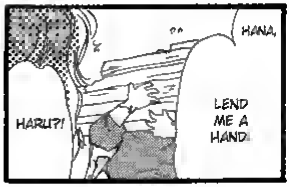


I've had a little practice training at sea. We only traveled by boat since coming here.
DIVING FOR MUSSELS IN THE OCE, U.
Have you ever seen a blue-rinse octopus?
IT SOUNDS INTERESTING.
MUST BE NICE.

DIVING FOR EAR SHELLS, RIGHT?
I'VE SEEN RECORDS OF WOMAN SHELL DIVERS
TURBAN SHELLS ARE EASY, TOO

IT SEEMS THAT THE DOGS EAT THIS TO GET RID OF WORMS.
This is my medicine, Bisa!
Heh.
THE LOCAL ALOE IS A CURE-ALL.

HARU YOU AREN'T USELESS
YOU'RE A MUSICIAN


HANA.
HARU?!
LEND ME A HAND.

Phew
THEY SAID THAT I WAS USELESS
SO THEY'RE HAVING ME CARRY STUFF AS THEY NEED IT
I'll ruin my hands

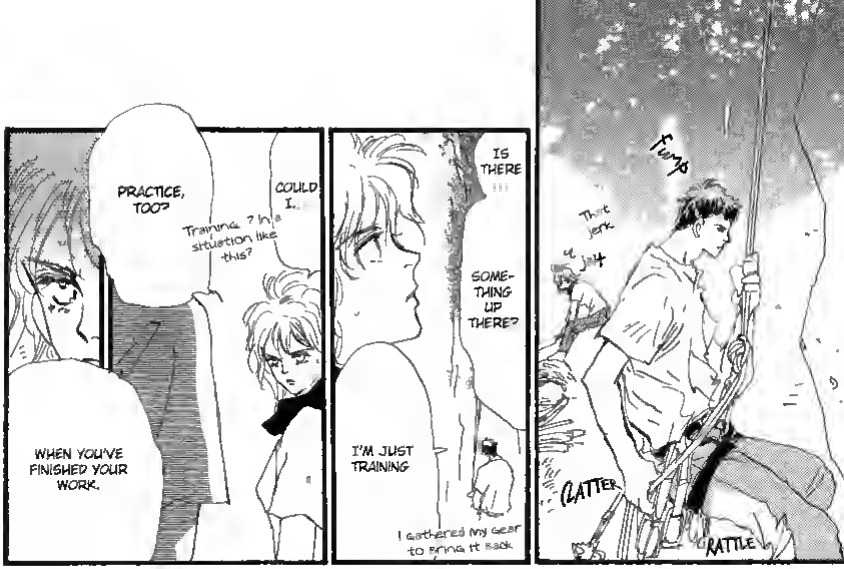
SOME ONE LIKE ME,
CAN'T COMPETE WITH THEM...
WHO DID THINGS HALF FOR FUN
ALL OF THEM...
HAD SOMETHING THEY DEDICATED THEMSELVES TO.
ARAMAKI-SAN...
USED TO BE A TOP ATHLETE IN THE KOSHIEN TOURNAMENT.
I'M NO MATCH...
FOR THEM...
IT'S FRUS-TRAT-ING
I...
AND GONE CLIMBING OR CAVING AS A HOBBY...
WOULD PROBABLY HAVE GONE TO A UNIVERSITY...
WHERE ARE YOU, FUJIKO-CHAN?
EVEN FUJIKO-CHAN...
WAS AIMING TO BECOME A DOCTOR...
AND THE EXPERIENCE HE HAS HERE WILL BE HELPFUL TO EVERYBODY...

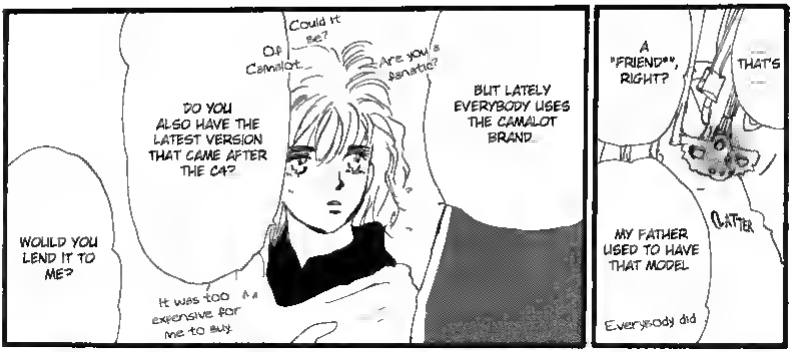
ARASHI WORKED SO HARD AT SWIMMING...
EVEN THOUGH...
SOMEDAY I'D HAVE MARRIED ARASHI OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT...
WHAT A CARELESS WAY TO PLAN MY LIFE.
Nope
YOU...
SHOULD FOLLOW MY INSTRUCTIONS FOR NOW
I'LL LEND YOU MY SAW.
Toss
DON'T DAMAGE THE EDGE
Here
HEY,
ARE YOU TAKING A NAP?
I TOLD YOU TO CUT DOWN SOME OF THE AROMATIC WOOD, DIDN'T I?
You're spoiled, I guess
DID YOU NEGLECT THAT BECAUSE IT'S A SIMPLE SHED?
UNCONNECTED?
By the way,
SAY,
DID YOU INTENTIONALLY LEAVE THE BUILDING BASE AND FOUNDATION STONES..

BUT YOU CERTAINLY HAVE TO CONSIDER PROTECTING IT FROM EARTHQUAKES.
phew
My injuries hurt.
THERE WERE A LOT OF BIG NATURAL DISASTERS.
THERE OFTEN ARE EARTHQUAKES HERE, AS WELL.
SO THEY KEPT CHANGING THE STANDARDS.
You probably don't know that.
IT SEEMS YOU INSTALLED BRACES, THOUGH.
I'll try to build it solidly, you know.
WELL, IT'S DIFFICULT WITHOUT FIXTURES.
If you don't make them...
There's no concrete either.
YOU SHOULD HAVE PRECISELY ASSEMBLED CROSS BEAMS TOO, YOU KNOW.

BIG..
DISASTERS..?

I don't mind working. I like it, actually. I just can't stand being ordered around. That stupid jerk.
rip
crack
rip
rap
rip
OR ARE YOU OF THE OPINION THAT IT'D COLLAPSE MORE EASILY..
My injuries hurt, so I'll take a rest.
IF IT'S CONNECTED?
Well there's a reason behind that, too.

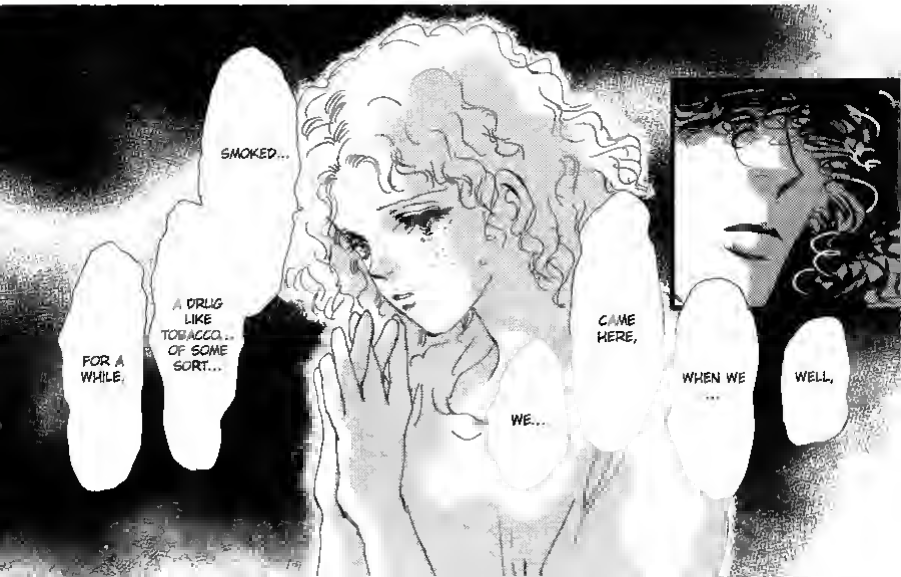



Could it be?
Oh Camalot...
Are you a fanatic?
DO YOU ALSO HAVE THE LATEST VERSION THAT CAME AFTER THE C4?
BUT LATELY EVERYBODY USES THE CAMALOT BRAND...
WOULD YOU LEND IT TO ME?
It was too expensive for me to buy.
A "FRIEND"*, RIGHT?
THAT'S
CLATTER
MY FATHER USED TO HAVE THAT MODEL
Everybody did

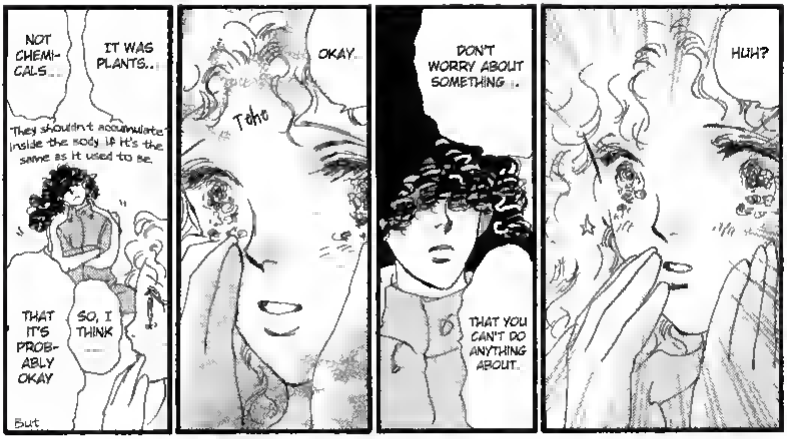
*Friend: Popular brand of spring-loaded cammoing device.

FARTHER UP
Don't bend your elbows.
AS YOU BREATHE IN.
RAISE YOUR ARMS...
RIGHT!
BEND DOWN AS YOU BREATHE OUT DOWN--
What's going on?
WITH YOUR LEGS SPREAD
NEXT, BEND FORWARD
Ow
Ow
SWITCH LEGS.
AS YOU BREATHE OUT...
NOW LOWER THEM.
HOLD THEM THERE
CAT POSE

WE DO YOGA...
DURING THE BIRTHING
SO YOU'LL BE RELAXED...
Heh
ANYWAY
RELAX.
THAT THE BODY GROWS MORE ELASTIC...
THEY SAY
DURING PREGNANCY.
phew
MY BODY IS STIFF,
clap clap
BUT I FEEL GOOD.
UM...
IS SOMETHING THAT WORRIES ME..
THERE
Huh?
DOCTOR!
LET'S DO THIS A LITTLE...
LONGER EVERY DAY...
DOCTOR!
SEE YOU TOMORROW
WELL THEN,
UM..


SMOKED...
A DRUG LIKE TOBACCO... OF SOME SORT...
FOR A WHILE.
WE...
CAME HERE,
WHEN WE ...
WELL,

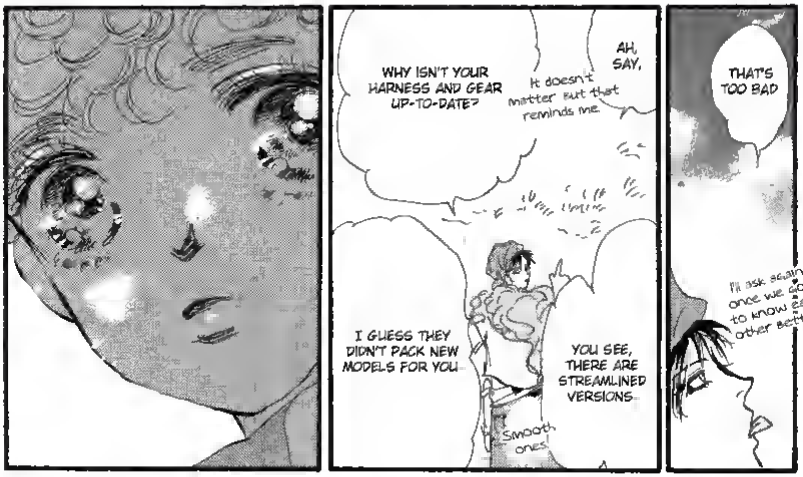
EVERY DAY WAS SO EXHAUSTING
I mean
I STOPPED IT BEFORE I GOT PREGNANT
AND THAT MADE IT EASIER FOR US
BUT I'VE
IF IT COULD HAVE AN EFFECT ON THE BABY...
BEEN WORRYING MORE AND MORE...
AND WHAT I SHOULD DO THEN.
...A PLANT?
YES.
YES
YOU DON'T KNOW
WHAT IT WAS?
I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT WAS
WHETHER IT HAS
AND YOU...
DON'T KNOW...
AN
EFFECT OR NOT
YES...
YES.
THERE'S NO POINT...
IN WORRYING ABOUT SOMETHING THAT YOU DON'T KNOW
SO DON'T.


NOT CHEMICALS...
IT WAS PLANTS...
They shouldn't accumulate inside the body if it's the same as it used to be.
THAT IT'S PROBABLY OKAY
SO, I THINK
But
OKAY.
Toho
DON'T WORRY ABOUT SOMETHING...
THAT YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT.
HUH?

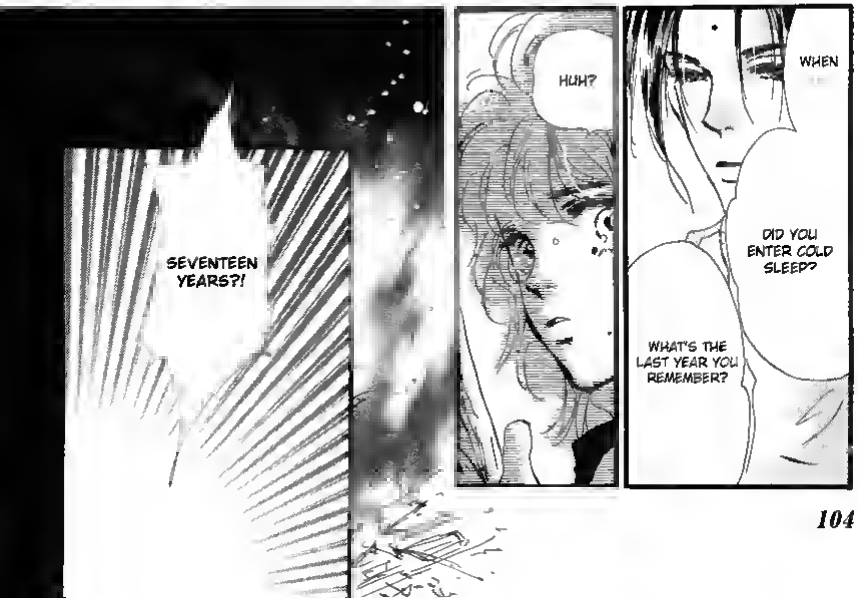
IT'S NOT ABOUT CONTRACTING
BUT...
ABOUT STRETCHING.
NOW,
WHAT WE CAN DO.
LET'S DO...

SHE CALLED ME "DOCTOR"
Yahoo!
Commander pose.
Oh
YES,
DOCTOR.

LOOKS LIKE SHE HAS THAT MUCH GENERAL KNOWLEDGE, AT LEAST.
IT IS TOUCHED UP
SHE BROUGHT IT BACK NICE AND CLEAN.
THAT GIRL,
HANA.
BROUGHT BACK THE SAW.
TOUCH IT UP FOR ME
IS THE EDGE DAMAGED?
SHE WAS PRETTY ROUGH WITH IT.
KORURI-SAN!
I WANT TO ASK YOU A FAVOR!
LEND ME THIS.
NO,
I'VE GONE PARAGLIDING
I won't break it
I ALSO USED A HANG GLIDER A FEW TIMES
SO PLEASE LET ME BORROW IT
actually I like snowboarding best
JUST ONCE!
IT'S TOO IMPORTANT.


WHY ISN'T YOUR HARNESS AND GEAR UP-TO-DATE?
AH, SAY,
It doesn't matter but that reminds me
I GUESS THEY DIDN'T PACK NEW MODELS FOR YOU.
YOU SEE, THERE ARE STREAMLINED VERSIONS.
Smooth ones!
THAT'S TOO BAD
I'll ask Seam once we got to know each other better

HANA-SAN,
CAN I ASK YOU SOMETHING?
SURE?
Um, what was her name again?

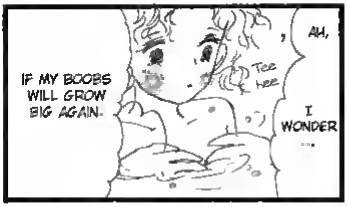

WHEN
DID YOU ENTER COLD SLEEP?
WHAT'S THE LAST YEAR YOU REMEMBER?
HUH?
SEVENTEEN YEARS?!

WAIT A SEC, NIJIKO.
SEVEN-TEEN YEARS AFTER US?!
I ASKED EVERYBODY.
THE LAST ONES WERE HANA-SAN AND THE OTHERS FROM TEAM SPRING.
Winter was around the same time.
THEY WENT INTO COLD SLEEP SEVENTEEN YEARS AFTER US
Pfft he he
HAHA HAHAHA
HE TOLD ME
THAT MY EQUIPMENT WASN'T THE LATEST MODEL.
SHE ALSO SAID...
THAT I DON'T MEET THE REGULATIONS
TO SUM IT UP,
WHAT WE KNOW...
IS SEVENTEEN YEARS OUT OF DATE.
A CAMALOT CA
WHAT'S A CA?
SEVEN-TEEN YEARS
THE CHILDREN THAT'LL BE BORN IN THIS DAY
WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO LIVE UNTIL YOUR AGE, AT THE MOST.

HUMILIATING, ISN'T IT?
Don't break it Anaorkun
WE'RE ELITE!
WAIT A MINUTE!
THWACK
MEDICINE HAS ALSO...
Oh, no
I'M SURE...
THOSE STUPID TEACHERS...
OF ALL OF US.
MADE FOOLS...
AREN'T WE?!
WHY DID THEY FOOL US?
WHACK
WE'RE THE BEST, RIGHT?!
OH,
I...
HAVE BATH DUTY.
GENGO-RO?
BUT THERE'S STILL...
A LOT THAT WE DON'T KNOW
WELL, THERE ARE MANY ANIMALS...
AND PLANTS THAT HAVEN'T CHANGED, I GUESS.

hey, listen
THEY SAID THAT THERE'S A BATH!
A hot spring?
HUH? WITH WARM WATER?
I can't go in anyway.
WOULDN'T HEATING IT BE A LOT OF WORK?
THAT WOULD BE NICE, BUT...
Whoa, it's a bath.
?
THE WATER IS COLD, THOUGH.
SPLASH
sizzle
STONES
WHOA, THEY'RE RED-HOT...
HUH?!
crackle

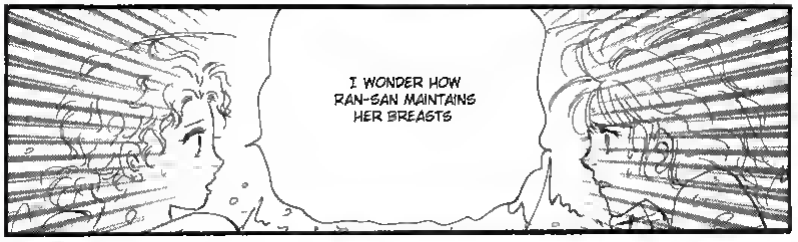
Steam
bubb
bubb
bubb
Splash
Splash
Splash
Whoosh
Eek!
NO WAY! IS THIS MAGIC?!
IT GOT WARM.
sssss
sssss
WHOA!
THERE'S CHARCAOL...
IN THE WATER...
PLEASE LEAVE IT WHERE IT IS.
See that you don't touch the stones. It's dangerous.
IF IT BECOMES COLD, I'LL ADD MORE STONES.
OH, AND...
You fill a pot with water and ingredients.
Then you put sizzling stones in it.
And voila!
IT'S LIKE COOKING WITH HEATED STONES!
I GET IT!
IS GREAT
THIS...


IF MY BOOBS WILL GROW BIG AGAIN.
Tee hee
AH, I WONDER...

HANA-CHAN, AREN'T YOURS BIG?
Wouldn't it?
THAT WOULD BE NICE

NO... THEY SHRANK UP.
Both my mind and body are already mangled.

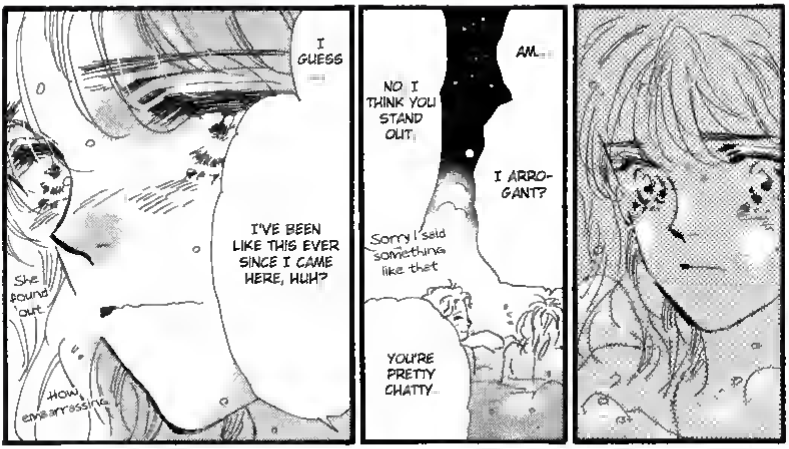
I FEEL SORRY FOR AKANE-CHAN SINCE SHE CAN'T BATHE BECAUSE OF HER INJURIES
SSH...
SSH...
THIS...
IS NICE, ISN'T IT...?
Everybody else too.
They have a lot to be proud of.
I'm amazed.
My wounds are stinging a little, though.


I WONDER HOW RAN-SAN MAINTAINS HER BREASTS

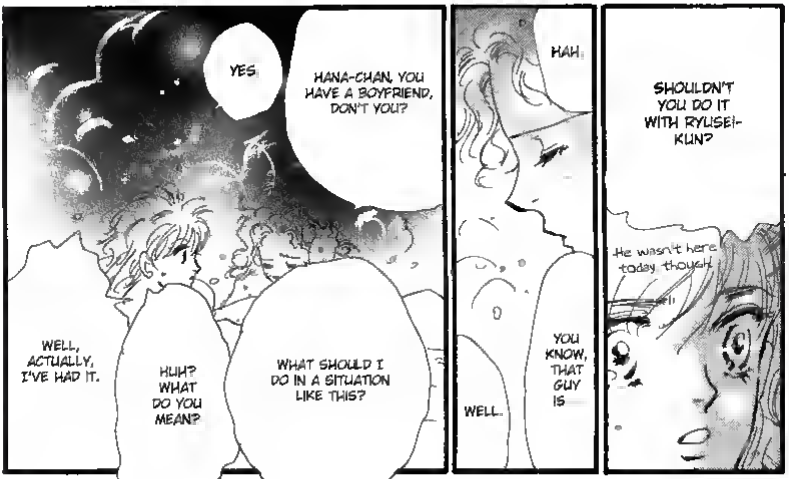
HANA-SAN,
pft ha ha ha
ha ha
ha ha
YOU HAVEN'T LAUGHED IN A WHILE, HUH?

pfft

pfft


I GUESS
I'VE BEEN LIKE THIS EVER SINCE I CAME HERE, HUH?
She found out
How embarrassing
NO I THINK YOU STAND OUT.
AM...
I ARRO-GANT?
Sorry I said something like that
YOU'RE PRETTY CHATTY.

HUH?
YOU SURE?
SHOULD WE DO YOGA TOGETHER?
TOLD ME TO RELAX.
DR. BAN-CHAN...


YES.
HANA-CHAN, YOU HAVE A BOYFRIEND, DON'T YOU?
WELL, ACTUALLY, I'VE HAD IT.
HUH? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
WHAT SHOULD I DO IN A SITUATION LIKE THIS?
HAH.
WELL.
YOU KNOW, THAT GUY IS
SHOULDN'T YOU DO IT WITH RYUSEI-KUN?
He wasn't here today, though.

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HANA-CHAN.
HANA-CHAN,
IT'S MORNING.

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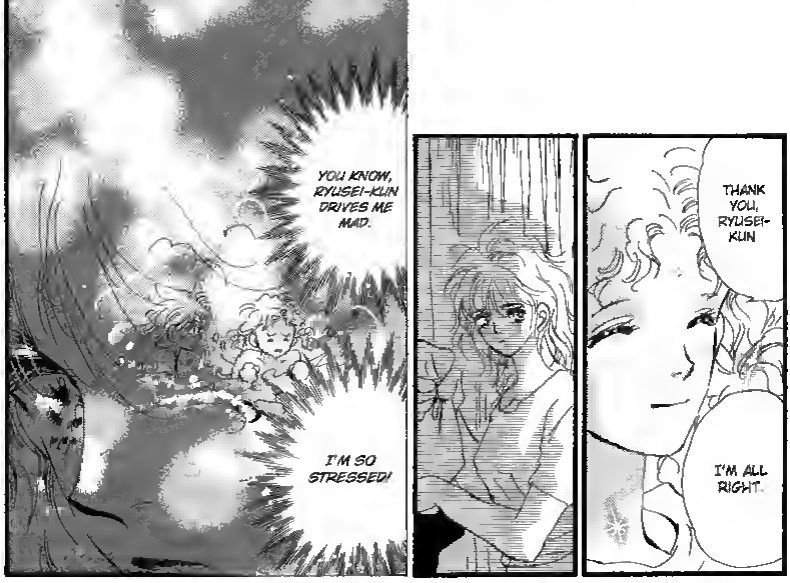
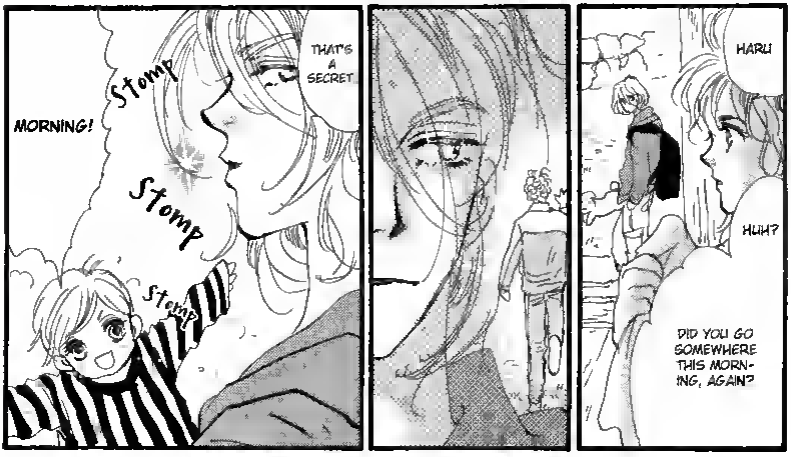
【—Hatred—】

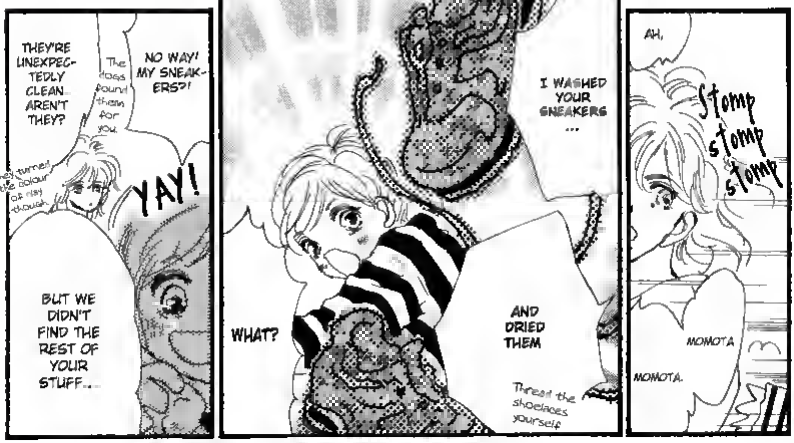
Good morning
YEAH...
ME TOO
IT'S AMAZING WHAT A HOT BATH CAN DO, ISN'T IT?
I DIDN'T WAKE UP EVEN ONCE...
MORNING, HANA-CHAN
IT SEEMS YOU SLEPT WELL
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT.
My back and my legs feel heavy
BUT... I KIND OF...
REALIZING HOW EXHAUSTED YOU ARE...
IS A GOOD THING
JUST HOW TIRED I AM
SUDDENLY FEEL...
SURE...
THIS IS STRANGE...
USUALLY, IF SOMEONE SAID SOMETHING LIKE THAT TO ME...
IT WAS LIKE THIS IN THE HOT TUB, TOO.
Because we've been here for three years.
IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE ALL OLDER THAN YOU...
AND RELY ON ALL OF US.
SO IT'S OKAY FOR YOU TO TAKE IT EASY...

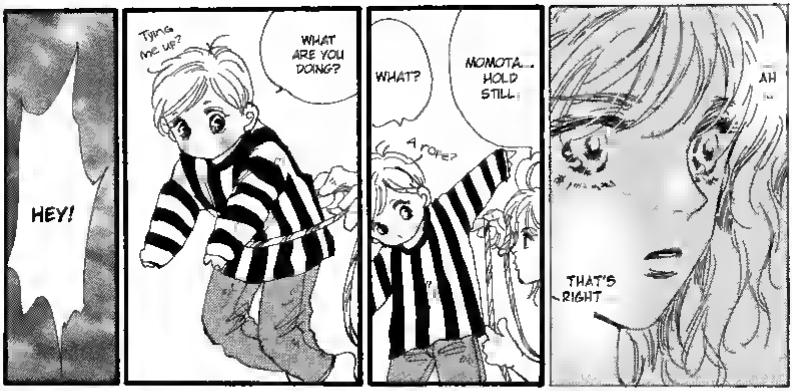
KURUMI-SAN...
DOESN'T MAKE ME FEEL THAT WAY.
BUT...
IT'S SO EMBARRASSING ALONE
LET'S DO YOGA TOGETHER TODAY
AND I FELT... LIKE THEY SAW THROUGH ME...
I'D FEEL AWKWARD AROUND THEM AND TRY TO AVOID THEM.
SHE'S...
AN AMAZING GIRL...
I TOLD YOU THAT I'LL DO ANYTHING FOR YOU.
IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WANT ME TO DO?
I'm going to wash my face.
KURUMI, HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
HM?
I'M FINE!


YOU KNOW, RYUSEI-KUN DRIVES ME MAD.
I'M SO STRESSED!
THANK YOU, RYUSEI-KUN
I'M ALL RIGHT.

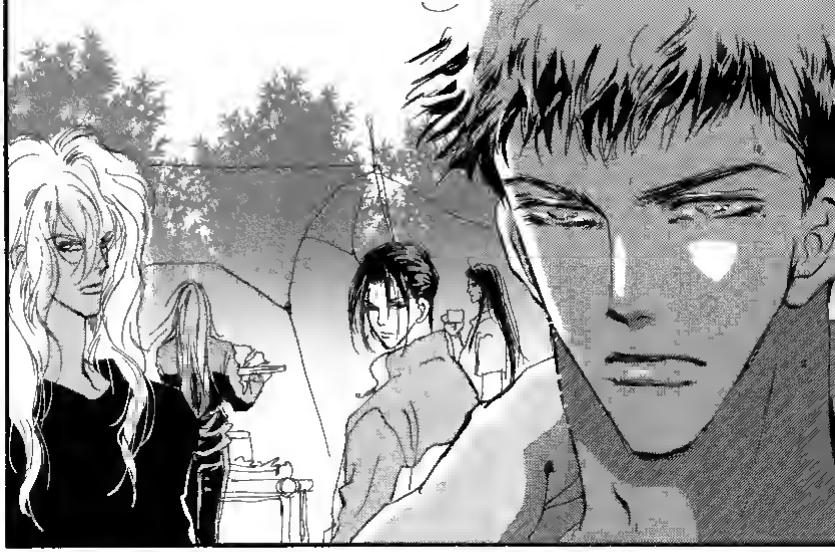
ARAMAKI-SAN HAS SOME-THING TO TELL US.
Wake up the sleepyheads.
THEY SAID WE SHOULD ALL GATHER.


MORNING!
Stomp
Stomp
Stomp
THAT'S A SECRET.
HARU
HUH?
DID YOU GO SOMEWHERE THIS MORN-ING, AGAIN?


THEY'RE UNEXPECTEDLY CLEAN. AREN'T THEY?
The boss found them for you.
NO WAY! MY SNEAKERS?!
They turned the colour of my shoes.
YAY!
BUT WE DIDN'T FIND THE REST OF YOUR STUFF...
I WASHED YOUR SNEAKERS ...
WHAT?
AND DRIED THEM
Treat the shoelaces yourself
AH,
Stomp Stomp Stomp
MOMOTA
MOMOTA.


HEY!
Tying me up?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
WHAT?
MOMOTA... HOLD STILL.
A rope?
AH
THAT'S RIGHT

STOP DAWDLING, CIVILIANS!
WE TOLD YOU TO GATHER AROUND, DIDN'T WE?!

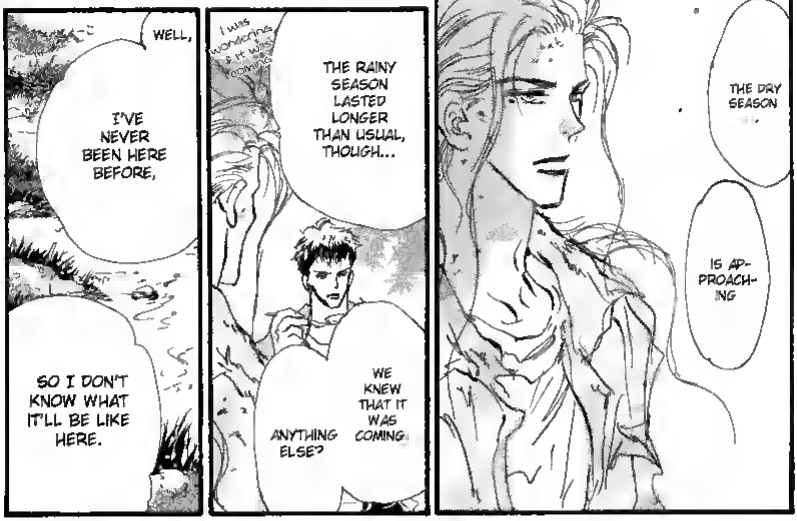


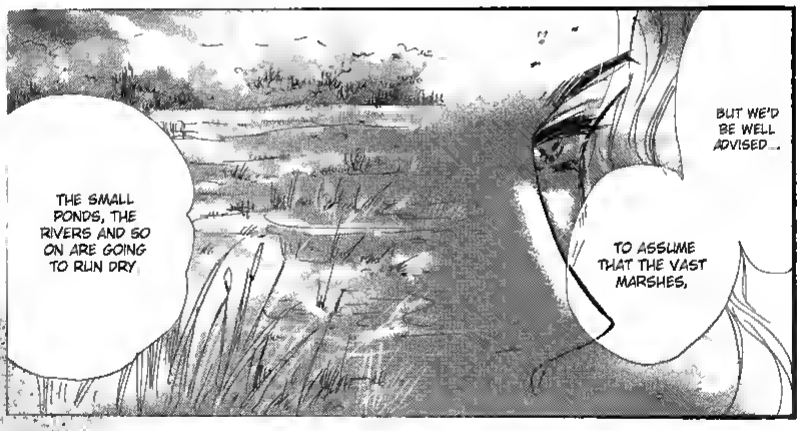
SO WHAT?
THAT DOESN'T CHANGE OUR ABILITIES, DOES IT?

WHAT WE KNOW IS 17 YEARS OUT OF DATE!?

THEY'RE KIND OF... IN AN UGLIER MOOD THIS MORNING
THAN THEY HAVE BEEN
Let sleeping dogs lie.

DON'T LET THEM TAKE US LIGHTLY!


WELL,
I'VE NEVER BEEN HERE BEFORE,
SO I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT'LL BE LIKE HERE.
I WAS WONDERING IF IT WAS COMING
THE RAINY SEASON LASTED LONGER THAN USUAL, THOUGH...
ANYTHING ELSE?
WE KNEW THAT IT WAS COMING
THE DRY SEASON
IS AP-PROACH-ING


THE SMALL PONDS, THE RIVERS AND SO ON ARE GOING TO RUN DRY
BUT WE'D BE WELL ADVISED...
TO ASSUME THAT THE VAST MARSHES,

THE ANIMALS WILL DISAPPEAR, TOO.
AT THE SAME TIME,
AND WOODS WENT.
THAT YOU'LL WONDER WHERE ALL THE LUSH AND GREEN FORESTS...
AND BROWN.
THE WORLD WILL BECOME SO DRY...

I DIDN'T HAVE A PERMANENT HOME.
WHAT DID YOU USUALLY DO?
I WANDERED FROM ONE PLACE WITH WATER TO ANOTHER.
IT WILL BE DRIER THAN IN THE WEST, HUH?
OVER THERE, THE RAINY SEASON WAS MORE TROUBLESOME
FOR INSTANCE, THOSE DINOSAUR-LIKE BEASTS
WILL BURROW INTO THE GROUND.
EVEN IF THEY LOOK ALL SHRIVELED UP, THEY'LL BE HIBERNATING
WE HAVE TO STORE THE WATER THAT WE HAVE NOW
DIG A WELL...
AND DRAW WATER FROM A LAKE OR RIVER THAT WON'T DRY UP.
THAT MEANS ...
THERE ARE THREE MEASURES WE HAVE TO TAKE IMMEDIATELY
I didn't like the other.
WELL, THE AMOUNT OF WATER THAT MY DOGS AND I DRINK...
CAN BE FOUND ANYWHERE, NO MATTER HOW DRY IT IS.
TO SUPPORT SO MANY PEOPLE.
BUT I THINK THAT IT'LL BE DIFFICULT ...

LET'S SEARCH FOR A WATER VEIN...
AND DIG A BACKUP WELL.
KORURI
RIGHT
BUT...
THERE'S NO GUARANTEE THAT IT WON'T DRY UP.
Hmm Hmm
I DUG A WELL,
AND THERE WAS WATER AT A DEPTH OF TWO METERS.
That's easy
FOR NOW, YES
BASED ON THEIR COLOR, I THINK THEY'RE DEEP, TOO.
It might be a bit far on foot.
TO THE NORTHEAST AS WELL AS THE NORTHWEST.
YEAH, THERE ARE SOME LARGE LAKES...
IF WE GET LESS RAIN,
WE CAN DRY AND STORE THE FOOD, TOO
There's cool and the temperature is stable
WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO USE THE CAVES TO PRESERVE FOOD, TOO.
We can also use the hot springs.
THE SMOKEHOUSE IS COMPLETED, AS WELL.
HOW DO YOU PREVENT EVAPORATION...?
WE COULD BUILD AN IRRIGATION POND, I GUESS
Hmm
MAYBE WE CAN USE THOSE CAVES
SHOULD WE EXPAND THE CURRENT MARSHLAND...?
FLY THERE AND SCOUT THE TERRAIN FOR US.
Roger
It'd be helpful if you could draw a map
LET'S GO THERE SOON TO SEE IF WE CAN ACTUALLY DRAW WATER FROM THERE

WE'LL ASSIGN TASKS TO YOU.
ONCE OUR PLAN IS SET...
ALL OF YOU PUT YOUR HEART AND SOUL INTO YOUR WORK.
WE'LL WORK ALL THIS OUT.
YOU GUYS DO YOUR OWN JOBS
WOW!
WOW!

*Spoken in English.

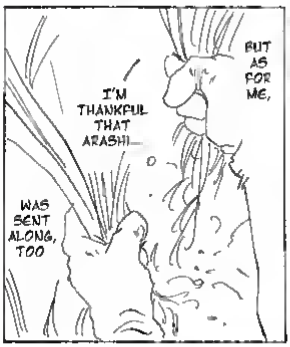
Well, barking dogs seldom bite...*
Geez, who does he think he is?*
zip zip
I'LL BUILD A PASSAGE TO CONNECT THE MAIN ROOM OF THE NEW ADDITION WITH THIS PLACE.
THE BATHROOM AND THE SHOWER WILL BE OVER HERE
WE'LL NEED THIS MUCH STONE FOR THE FOUNDATION.
AND THIS MANY LOGS FOR PILLARS.
clack clack

Special Thanks: NOZOMU SASAKI

ARE YOU GOING TO BUILD SOMETHING OVER HERE, TOO?
Good job.
YEAH, A SEPARATE HOUSE
SEPARATE?
Ashamed
SINCE OUR HEAVY-WEIGHT ISN'T AVAILABLE
WHAT?
YOU'LL HAVE TO WORK, RYUSEI.
I've churned the outhouse. Churn, churn, churn.
Around here, I guess.
Scratch
KURUMI AND RYUSEI...
NEED A HOME, DON'T THEY?
RAN-SAN!
THAT'S A GREAT IDEA!
SO,
DOES THAT MEAN THAT YOU AREN'T AGAINST HER HAVING HER BABY ANYMORE?

I'M FULL OF HATE FOR THE PEOPLE....
WHO SENT ME HERE.

Her
I'M DISGUSTED.
Ruka
D... DISGUSTED?
Yuki


BUT AS FOR ME,
I'M THANKFUL THAT ARASHI...
WAS SENT ALONG, TOO

I DON'T EVEN HAVE A VAGUE IDEA...
OF WHO SENT ME HERE
People from the government?

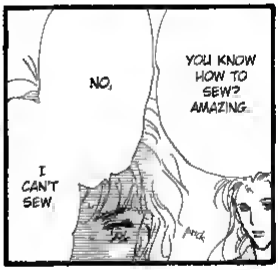
SO I FEEL A BIT BETTER NOW
BUT THAT FEELING OF HOPELESS-NESS I HAD IS GONE,
If you don't have anything to do, help me.
Sure.

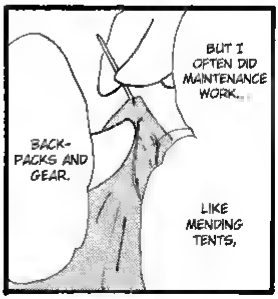
.....
IS BEYOND ME, THOUGH...
WHY WE BOTH ARE PART OF THIS...
Six. sshh
#アアア?...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
HANA-SAN,
Hmm
I'M ALTER-ING THIS A BIT.
SHOULD I USE THIS AFTER ALL?
ALL RIGHT.
Snip
Snip
Sssssh
IT'S REALLY COMING DOWN
It's interrupting work.
BUT THERE'S LESS AND LESS RAIN.

HE WAS A GOOD FATHER, WASN'T HE?

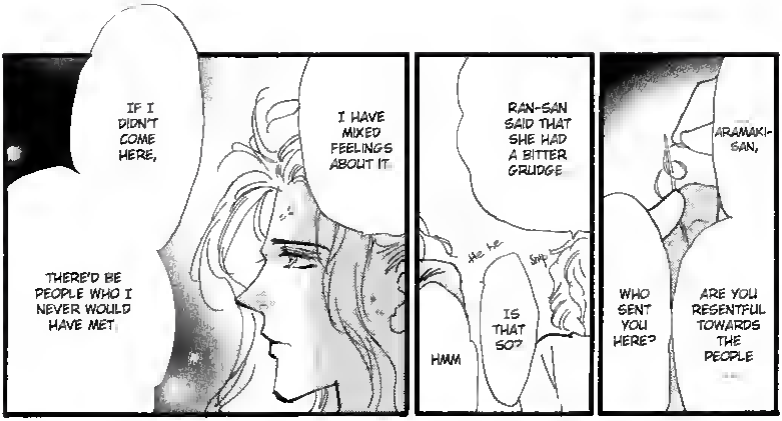
MY FATHER WAS ADAMANT ABOUT MAINTENANCE.
SAYING THAT THINGS WOULD LAST LONGER IF YOU WERE CAREFUL WITH THEM.
Hmm
Maybe like this? Or will it look weird?
Hmm
HE ALSO TOLD ME TO MAKE SURE TO SHARPEN EDGED TOOLS.
He had me check them right after using them.


NO,
I CAN'T SEW.
YOU KNOW HOW TO SEW? AMAZING.
And

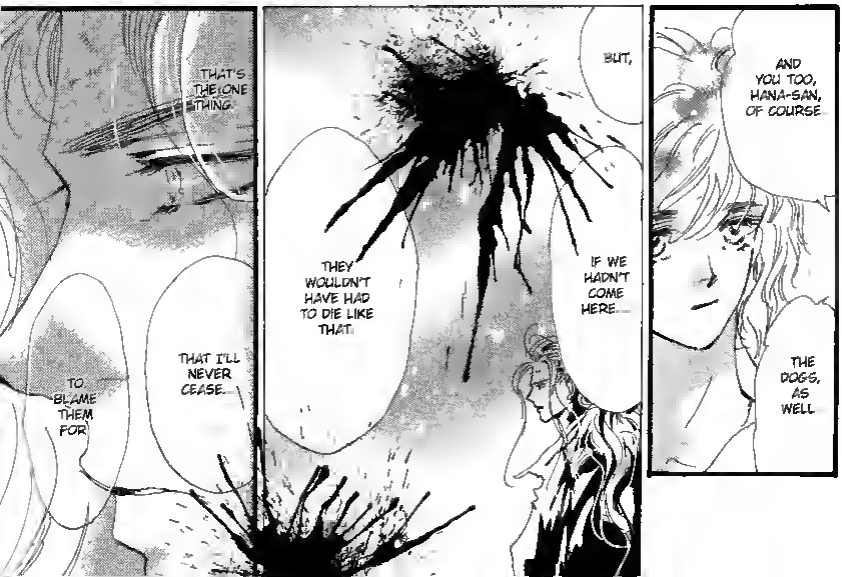

BUT I OFTEN DID MAINTENANCE WORK...
BACK-PACKS AND GEAR.
LIKE MENDING TENTS,

He was always away.
NO, MY FATHER WAS BUSY
chuckle
MY MOTHER WAS AT HOME
No, she was busy too.
WHAT ABOUT YOUR FATHER, ARAMAKI-SAN?
I BET HE WAS LIKE ITTETSU HOSHI*, RIGHT?
I WISH...
HE HAD TAUGHT ME MANY MORE THINGS.
HE WAS...
Thank you.
YEAH,
BUT HE WAS KIND OF DISTANT.

*Ittetsu Hoshi: Father of the main character of the sports manga "Kyojin no Hoshi" (Star of the Giants) written by Ikki Kajiwara and drawn by Noboru Kawasaki.


IF I DIDN'T COME HERE,
I HAVE MIXED FEELINGS ABOUT IT.
THERE'D BE PEOPLE WHO I NEVER WOULD HAVE MET.
RAN-SAN SAID THAT SHE HAD A BITTER GRUDGE
HE HE
SIP
HMM
IS THAT SO?
ARAMAKI-SAN,
WHO SENT YOU HERE?
ARE YOU RESENTFUL TOWARDS THE PEOPLE

AND WHO KNOWS IF I'D HAVE BECOME CLOSE FRIENDS WITH FUBUKI.
I WOULDN'T HAVE MET MITSURU-SAN, I SUPPOSE


THAT'S THE ONE THING.
TO BLAME THEM FOR
THAT I'LL NEVER CEASE...
THEY WOULDN'T HAVE HAD TO DIE LIKE THAT.
BUT,
IF WE HADN'T COME HERE...
AND YOU TOO, HANA-SAN, OF COURSE.
THE DOGS, AS WELL

ALL RIGHT.
tug
IT'S DONE!
ME TOO.
Hmm
YEAH, BUT...
Thm
NOBODY WOULD HAVE GONE
IF THEY ASKED ME IF I'D GO
I WOULDN'T HAVE AGREED.
I WISH THEY'D TOLD ME SOMETHING ABOUT IT.
Your injury looks painful.
SO, TAKE THESE OFF.
Peel
Eek!—
I'M GOING TO WASH THEM.
YOU PERVERT!
I SEWED SOME BOXERS OUT OF THE LEFT OVER SLEEVES, TOO
I see it was for Momoka.
Toss
WHOA!
IT'S CROOKED
You're clumsy.
Toss
MOMOKA!
I MADE A CHANGE OF CLOTHES FOR YOU.
Toss
WHAT?
Since your things are gone.
H...
THANK YOU.
HERE YOU GO
HANA-CHAN, YOU'RE SO HARD-WORKING.
IT'S HARD TO DO IT INJURED, ISN'T IT?
IF IT'S EMBARRASSING FOR YOU TO GIVE ME YOUR UNDERWEAR, FEEL FREE TO DO IT YOURSELF.
GUYS, IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING THAT NEEDS WASHING, PLEASE GIVE IT TO ME
While I'm at it
AH...
LAUNDRY...

I KIND OF
FEEL A LITTLE RELIEVED.
It turned into a drizzle.

I HAVE TO DO MY BEST!

LOOK FOR THINGS THAT NEED TO BE DONE,
I'LL KEEP A CLOSE EYE ON WHAT'S GOING ON,
AND DO WHAT I CAN DO

THE PRETTY ONE.

HERE.
USE THE SOAP THAT'S OVER THERE

UM,
WHERE SHOULD I DO OUR LAUNDRY?

EXCUSE ME, ARE YOU FEELING BAD?
NO.
WHAT IS IT?

WHAT DO YOU USE AS SHAMPOO?
I'M IN THE PROCESS OF TESTING
VARIOUS VEGETABLE AND ANIMAL FATS.
AH
UM..
IS IT HAND-MADE?
OF COURSE
There are various colors
IT'S MADE THE USUAL WAY, WITH ASH, GREASE AND WATER.
WOW
I'M IN THE PROCESS OF TESTING THAT, TOO.
IT'S MADE OF VERY SOUR FRUIT FROM A TREE THAT I DISCOVERED A WHILE AGO.
BUT DON'T WASTE THE VINEGAR
WHY,
THE SAME
IF YOU WANT TO RINSE YOUR HAIR, DO IT WITH VINEGAR
USE AS MUCH OF IT AS YOU WANT
BUT THESE PEOPLE ARE AMAZING
The soap smells nice
I need to make sure not to damage the cloth, Careful
Splish
Splish
YOU CAN SAY WHAT YOU WANT ABOUT THEM,

INSTEAD OF THE (DISPOSABLE KIND, IT'S MADE OF CLOTH AND CAN BE WASHED AND REUSED SEVERAL TIMES.
I ALWAYS USED THESE AT HOME.
glance
glance
I'LL TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY
TO WASH MY SANITARY NAPKIN, TOO
Splash
Splash
All done.
phew
So...
THANK YOU, MOM.
SO, YOU USE THIS?!
It was in my pack.
Whisper
Whisper
Oh, the girl in this manga is too. It's eco-friendly, isn't it?
FUJIKO-CHAN AND CHIBA-CHAN WERE REALLY SURPRISED...
THAT'S WHY I WASN'T AT A LOSS OVER WHAT TO DO WHEN I CAME HERE
YEAH, YOU FOLD IT LIKE THIS
I WISH...
SHE TAUGHT ME MANY MORE THINGS IN ADVANCE, TOO.
Thank you!
HANA-CHAN,
GOOD JOB!

There you are
RYUSEI-SAN
because he's older than me, I think I will go ahead and attach "san" to his name for now
Is you're playing hooky
WHY DON'T YOU DO YOGA WITH KURUMI-SAN ?
IT'S ABOUT TIME FOR YOGA, I guess
WATCH YOUR STEP
OKAY
SO I'M GOING TO GET DR BAN-CHAN
HANA-CHAN I KNOW YOU THINK THAT I'M SHALLOW
AND A BAD PERSON
BUT I'M SERIOUS ABOUT HER
NOPE, SHE DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING
I WAS JUST THINKING [illegible] IT AS I WATCHED HER
IT'S POINTLESS FOR ME TO DO IT
DID KURUMI SAY SO?
IT MIGHT MAKE KURUMI-SAN HAPPY
IT ISN'T POINT-LESS

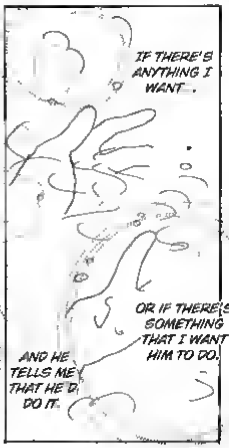
I'M READY TO DO ANYTHING SHE WANTS...
AT ANY TIME.

I'D DO ANYTHING FOR KURUMI.
ANYTHING THAT SHE OR THE BABY NEEDS.

...HE KEEPS ASKING ME.

RYUSEI-SAN, LISTEN
I'VE GOT EXPERIENCE WITH THIS...
WHAT?
pat pat
AND THAT'S NOT THE RIGHT WAY

HE HAS ME THINK ABOUT IT,
BUT HE NEVER DOES ANYTHING FOR ME, VOLUNTARILY.


IF THERE'S ANYTHING I WANT...
OR IF THERE'S SOMETHING THAT I WANT HIM TO DO.
AND HE TELLS ME THAT HE'D DO IT.

WHEN MY BOYFRIEND AND I FIRST STARTED GOING OUT...
WE PUT A LOT OF THOUGHT INTO WHAT BIRTHDAY PRESENTS WE'D GET EACH OTHER.
WELL...
I got many things because I was popular
Hey,
MY HEART WOULD BE POUNDING WHEN I BOUGHT SOMETHING AND GAVE IT TO HIM.
BUT AS TIME WENT BY...
WE STARTED TO ASK EACH OTHER WHAT WE'D LIKE

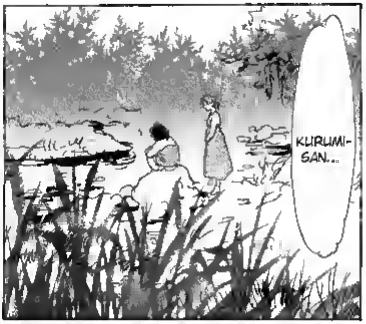
THERE'S NOTHING WRONG...
WITH MAKING SURE YOU DON'T BUY THE WRONG THING...
BUT...
IF I THINK ABOUT IT NOW, IT WAS LAZINESS

IT WASN'T FOR HIS SAKE...
BUT TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR ME.
IT'S COMMON PRACTICE, BUT YOU'RE RIGHT.
It's troublesome.
YEAH
It's common.
BUT IT WON'T COME AROUND AGAIN...
THAT TIME WON'T COME BACK.

EVEN THOUGH
I'D TREASURE HIM MORE NOW...
ARE YOU LECTURING ME?
PERHAPS I AM.
YOU'RE MY SISTER IN LAW, OR SOMETHING?
MAYBE...

LET'S GO.
grab
HUH?
I DON'T WANT TO...

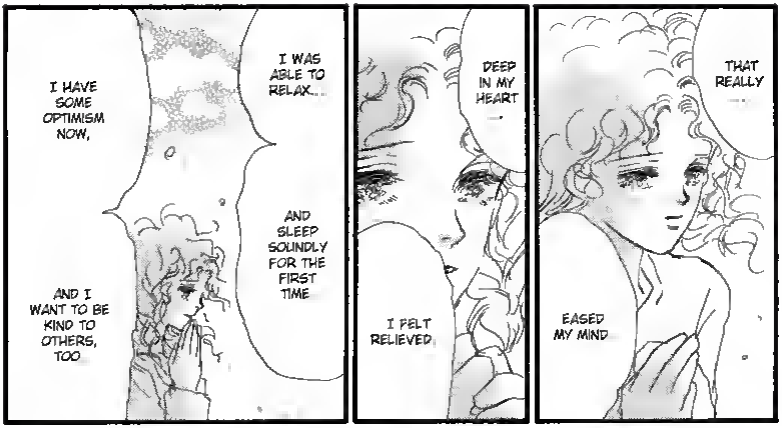
NO, NO
No, no, no!
What are you a spoiled brat?

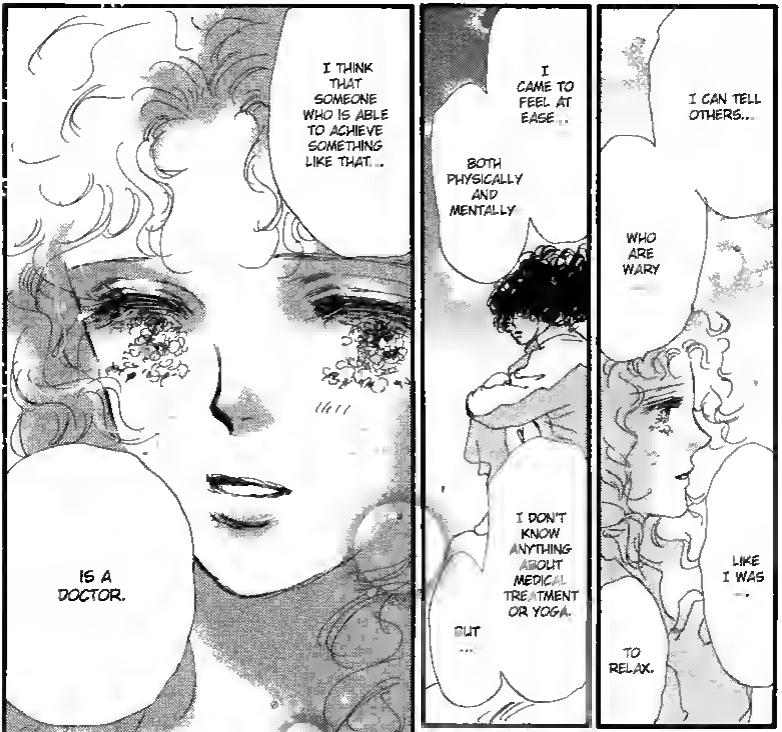

KURUMI-SAN...

MAYBE RYUSEI-KUN REGRETS IT,
THINKING THAT THERE MUST BE A BETTER GIRL.
I WON'T ALLOW HER TO FEEL THAT WAY.

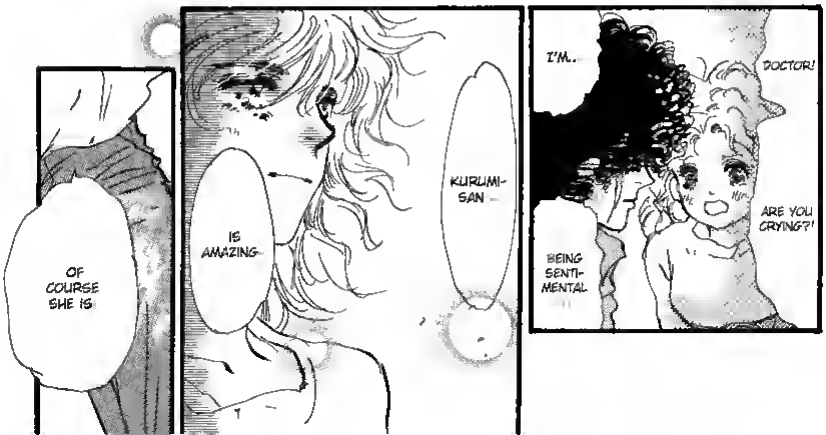
DR BAN-CHAN,
AREN'T WE DOING YOGA TODAY?
YOU...
MUSTN'T
CALL ME..
"DOC-TOR"
I'M...
A NOVICE...
AND NOT...
CURRENT.
UM..
I DON'T KNOW WHAT THIS IS ABOUT..
BUT DOES THAT MEAN THAT YOU'VE LOST YOUR CONFIDENCE?

I WAS...
I WAS SHIFTING
BETWEEN REGRET AND FEAR.
REALLY SCARED
DOCTOR
YOU KNOW,
I COULDN'T SLEEP WELL ALL THIS TIME
I WAS SURE THAT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE...
THAT NEITHER MY BABY NOR I...
WERE GOING TO BE OKAY
THAT THERE WAS NO WAY...
THAT I COULD DO IT...
AND THAT I SHOULD RELAX AND DELIVER IT.
THAT MY BODY HAD DECIDED THAT I COULD GIVE BIRTH TO A CHILD,
YOU TOLD ME, DIDN'T YOU?
DR. BAN-CHAN,
BUT...

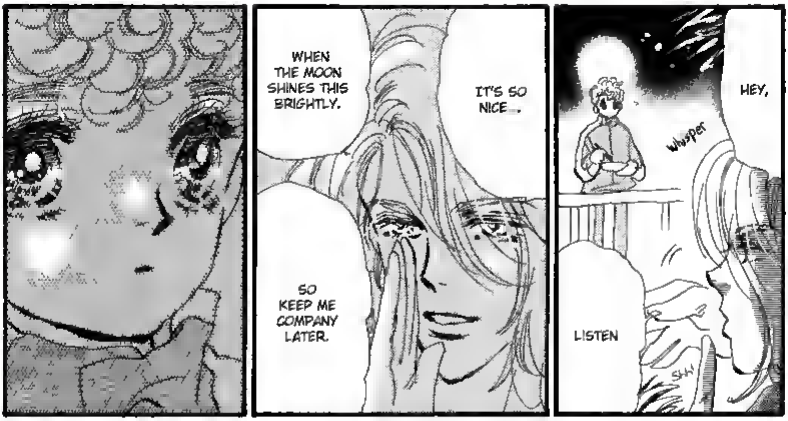

I HAVE SOME OPTIMISM NOW,
I WAS ABLE TO RELAX...
AND SLEEP SOUNDLY FOR THE FIRST TIME
AND I WANT TO BE KIND TO OTHERS, TOO.
DEEP IN MY HEART...
I FELT RELIEVED.
THAT REALLY...
EASED MY MIND.

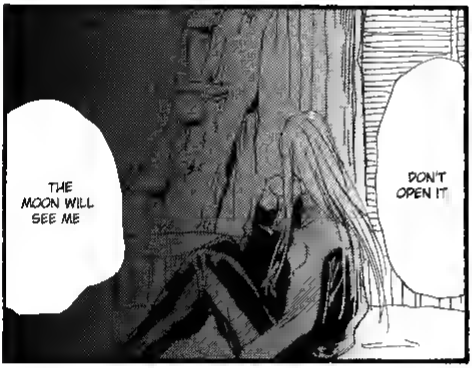

I THINK THAT SOMEONE WHO IS ABLE TO ACHIEVE SOMETHING LIKE THAT...
IS A DOCTOR.
I CAME TO FEEL AT EASE...
BOTH PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT MEDICAL TREATMENT OR YOGA.
BUT...
I CAN TELL OTHERS...
WHO ARE WARY
LIKE I WAS...
TO RELAX.

PLEASE TAKE GOOD CARE OF ME.
SO
I'M RELYING ON YOU.


I'M..
DOCTOR!
ARE YOU CRYING?!
BEING SENTI-MENTAL
KURUMI-SAN
IS AMAZING
OF COURSE SHE IS

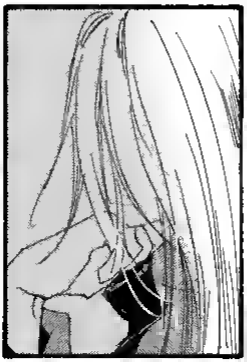
SHE'S THE GIRL I FELL IN LOVE WITH, AFTER ALL.
HUH?
SEE YOU.
RYUSEI-SAN!
YOU HAVE TO TELL HER THAT.
SHUT UP, SISTER IN LAW!
WHERE'S MADON-NA?
munch, munch
SHE SAID SHE WASN'T GOING TO MAKE IT.
AH,
THE MOON IS FULL.

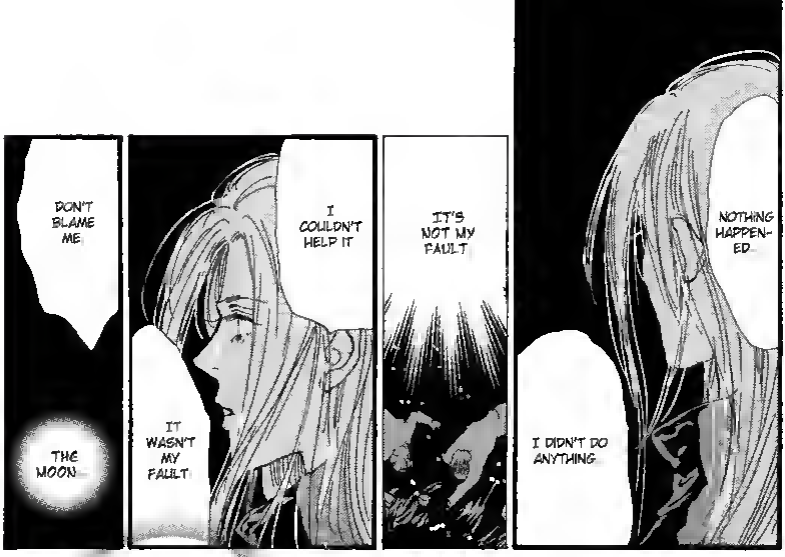

WHEN THE MOON SHINES THIS BRIGHTLY.
IT'S SO NICE...
SO KEEP ME COMPANY LATER.
HEY,
whisper
LISTEN
SHH


THE MOON WILL SEE ME
DON'T OPEN IT

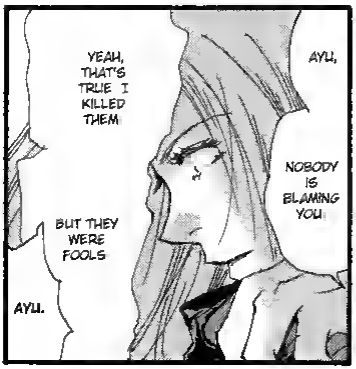
DINNER...
MADONNA,
EAT SOME-THING.
MADONNA,

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU IN THOSE MOUNTAINS?
MADONNA,
YOU DIDN'T TELL US ANYTHING




DON'T BLAME ME
THE MOON
I COULDN'T HELP IT
IT WASN'T MY FAULT
IT'S NOT MY FAULT
NOTHING HAPPENED
I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING

THE MOON WAS WATCHING ME
MAYBE IT WAS MY FAULT
NO,
THAT'S NOT TRUE

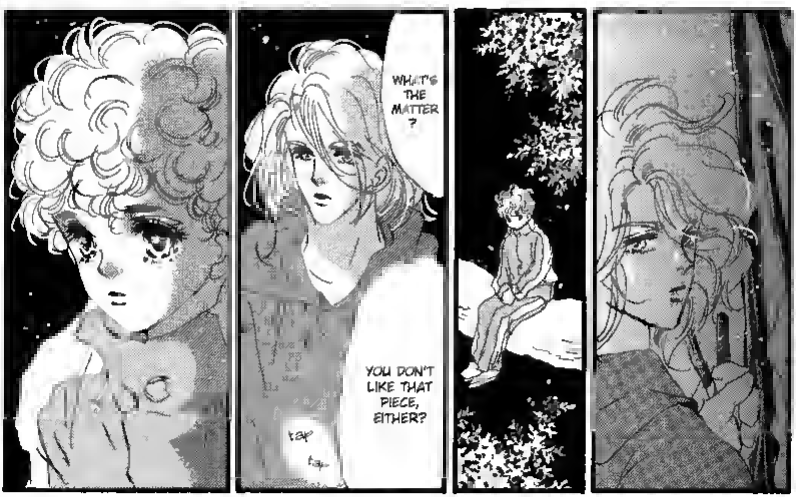

YEAH, THAT'S TRUE. I KILLED THEM
BUT THEY WERE FOOLS
AYU.
AYU,
NOBODY IS BLAMING YOU.

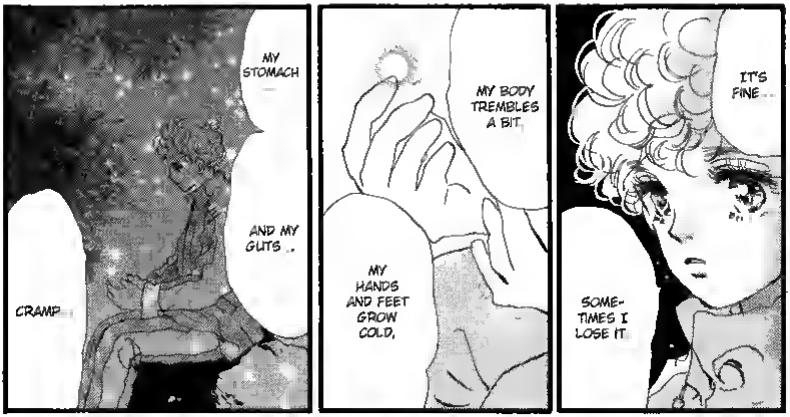
AYU,
IT WASN'T OUR FAULT.

LISTEN.
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO PLAY IT IN THE MOONLIGHT
DEBUSSY'S "CLAIR DE LUNE".

NONE OF IT

NOW I'M ON MY WAY.
MAYU-CHAN,


WHAT'S THE MATTER?
YOU DON'T LIKE THAT PIECE, EITHER?
tap
tap

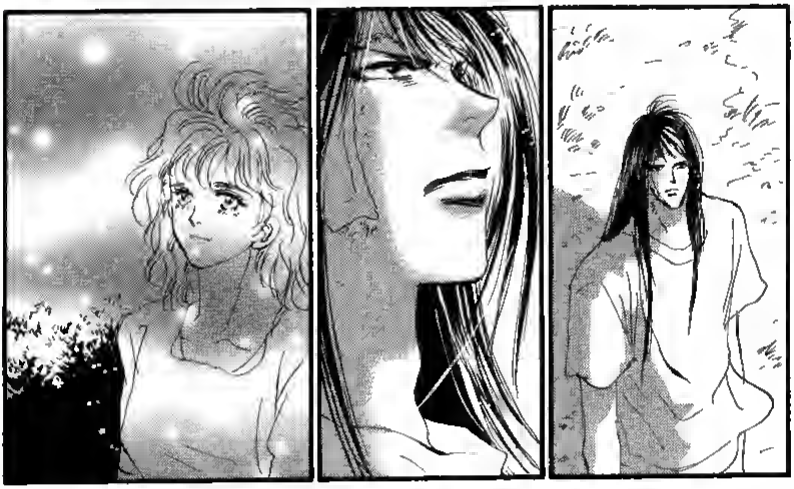

MY STOMACH
AND MY GUTS..
CRAMP
MY BODY TREMBLES A BIT
MY HANDS AND FEET GROW COLD,
IT'S FINE...
SOME-TIMES I LOSE IT

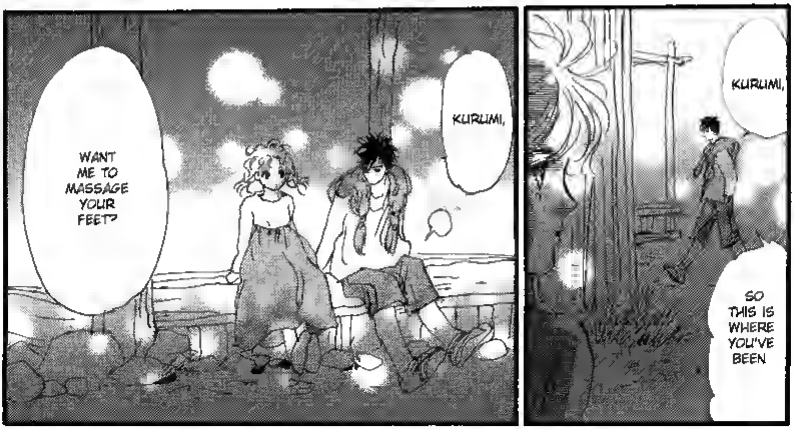
TO THE POINT OF BURSTING
AND TWIST...

I'M ALL RIGHT
BUT IT HAPPENS ONCE IN A WHILE
WHEN I'M IN THE AIR.
WHEN I'M ON THE GROUND

I'M SORRY
IT WASN'T BECAUSE OF THE PIECE
IT'S A BEAUTIFUL SONG..
IT GETS BETTER.
AFTER A WHILE,
AND THE TREMBLING STOPS.
GIVE THEM.
YOUR HANDS.

WE AREN'T TO BLAME,
THE TEACHERS ARE!
ALL OF THAT ...
IS THEIR FAULT!




KURUMI,
WANT ME TO MASSAGE YOUR FEET?
KURUMI,
SO THIS IS WHERE YOU'VE BEEN

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【— Strain —】

drip
squeak

WOAH!
squeak
squeak
squeak
CRAP!
Shoo!
HUH?
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE
WHAT?
NO WAY...
IS IT MORNING?!
These red ones aren't that dangerous. They're just full of curiosity.
RUSTLE
DID WE FALL ASLEEP?!
dash
SEEMS LIKE IT.
.....
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
.....
YEAH.

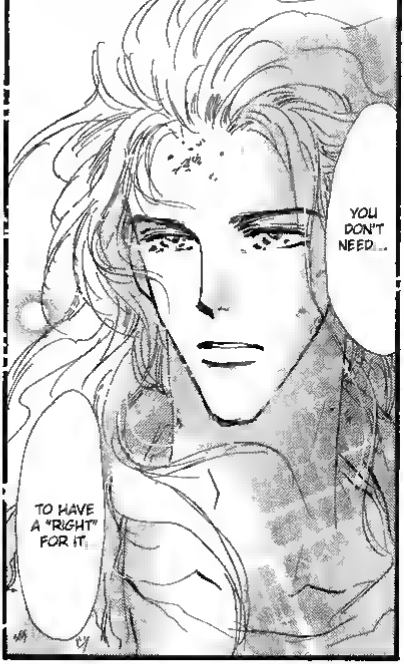
LISTEN,
stomp stomp stomp
YOU'RE FAST.
huff huff
YOU MIGHT BE DISAPPOINTED, BUT I HAVE TO TELL YOU SOMETHING.
DASH
DASH
GLAD TO HEAR IT.
ME TOO.
DASH
SOME-HOW...
I FELT...
QUITE GOOD.
I'D LIKE TO HEAR IT.
DO YOU?
IT'S NOT LIKE I PLAY THE XYLO-PHONE
I PLAY THE PIANO, YOU SEE
PIANO?
stomp stomp
I ONLY KNOW PIANOS FROM PICTURES.
REALLY?

DASH!
YOU WILL, ONE DAY.
OH
WE STAYED OUT ALL NIGHT, HUH?
IS THAT BAD?
YOU MUSTN'T RUN AROUND YET.
YOUR INJURIES WILL OPEN.
woof
woof
woof

Good morning
THE DOGS SEEM TO BE FINE.
YEAH, THANK YOU.
IT'S A PROBLEM BECAUSE THEY WANT TO MOVE AROUND ALREADY
Good morning
I'M GLAD
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'VE BEEN UP ALL NIGHT.
SORT OF...
WERE YOU PATROLLING?
I COULDN'T SLEEP.
I WAS WATCHING GURI AND GURA.
By the way...
WHAT...
HAPPENED TO THE OTHER MEMBERS OF TEAM WINTER?
WHERE ARE THEY?
THEY ALL DIED
A LONG TIME AGO.
THEY WERE ATTACKED BY A TIGER..

REALLY, IT LOOKED LIKE A HUGE WILDCAT...
WITH LONG TEETH
IT LIVED IN HOKKAIDO.
WELL, WE JUST CALLED IT THAT...
BUT ACTUALLY, I DON'T THINK IT WAS A TIGER.
It was more brownish.
A TIGER?!
THERE ARE TIGERS?!
It's been some time since I heard the term "bear"...
I...
DIDN'T SEE ANY BEARS
That'd have been unpleasant
THERE WERE WILD BOARS OF SOME SORT.
WERE THERE BEARS...
IN HOKKAIDO, TOO?
IT'S THE SAME WITH THE DOGS.
They might be wolves
I ONLY SAW THEM IN HOKKAIDO.
I HAVEN'T SEEN ANY AROUND HERE IN HONSHU.
Oh, long time no see. Were you injured?
PANT PANT
PROBABLY BECAUSE IT WAS COLD ALL THE TIME.
WHEREAS YOU DIDN'T SEE MANY REPTILES.
THERE WERE A LOT OF MAMMAL-LIKE ANIMALS

I'D LIKE
TO VISIT HOKKAIDO
YOU LIKE ANIMALS, DON'T YOU?
YOU'RE EXPERIENCED IN HANDLING THEM, TOO.
WHEN MY GIRL WAS BLOOD-STAINED FROM THE ATTACK OF THOSE BATS..
YOU PICKED HER UP WITHOUT HESITATION.
Thanks for your help the other day
Usually,
THAT'S NOT SOMETHING YOU CAN DO JUST LIKE THAT
I HAVE NO RIGHT...
TO LIKE ANIMALS.
LATER.
GEN-GORO-KUN,


YOU DON'T NEED...
TO HAVE A "RIGHT" FOR IT.

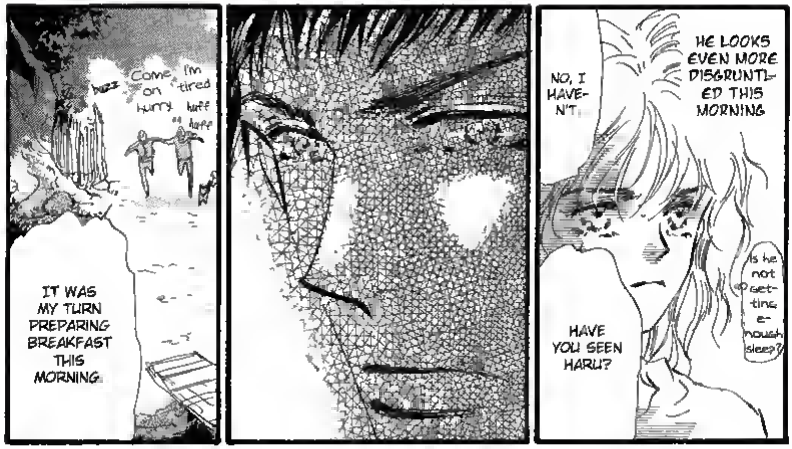
HEY,
HAVE YOU...
Crunch

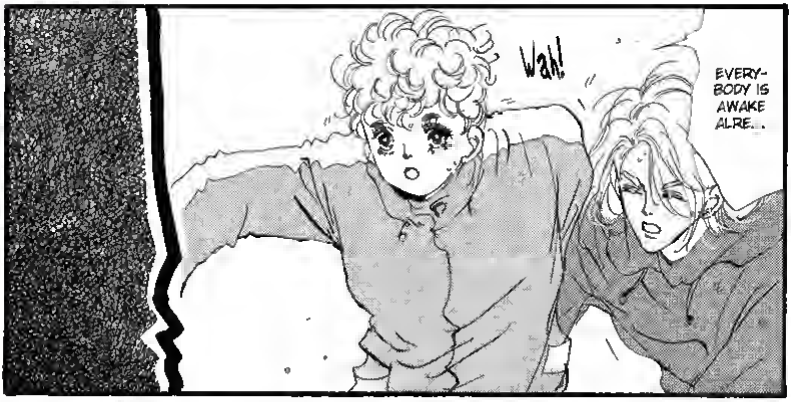
SEEN KORURI?

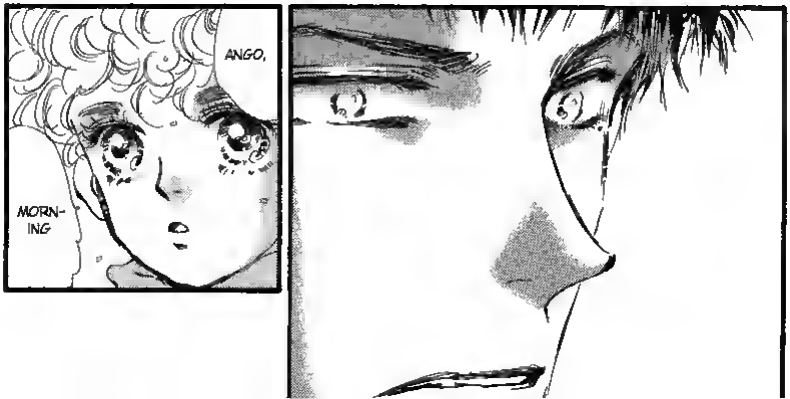
WELL,
S,AKUY,A-KUN S,AID THAT HE'D DISAP-PEARED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT.
I was fast asleep.

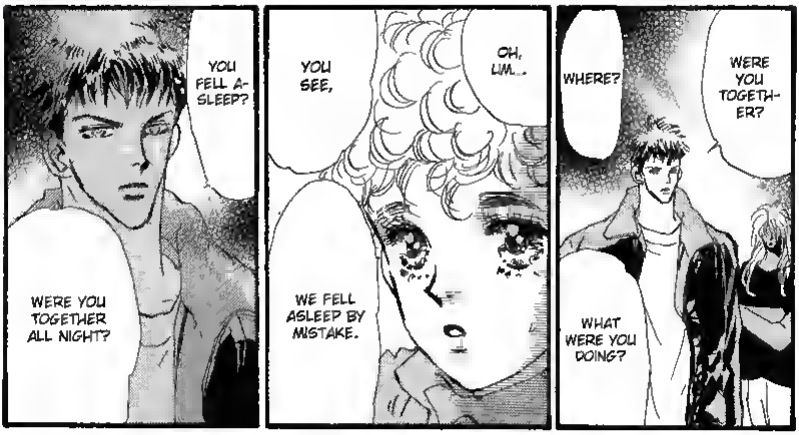
tap tap
AH,
ARA-MAKI-SAN.
HANA-SAN?

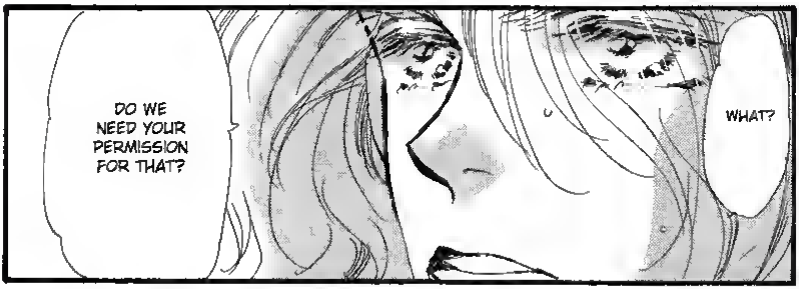
HAVE YOU SEEN HARU?
DID HE GO SOMEWHERE THIS MORNING AGAIN?
woof
woof


IT WAS MY TURN PREPARING BREAKFAST THIS MORNING.
huff huff
Come on hurry
I'm tired
HE LOOKS EVEN MORE DISGRUNTLED THIS MORNING
NO, I HAVEN'T.
HAVE YOU SEEN HARU?
Is he not getting enough sleep?


Wah!
EVERYBODY IS AWAKE ALRE...

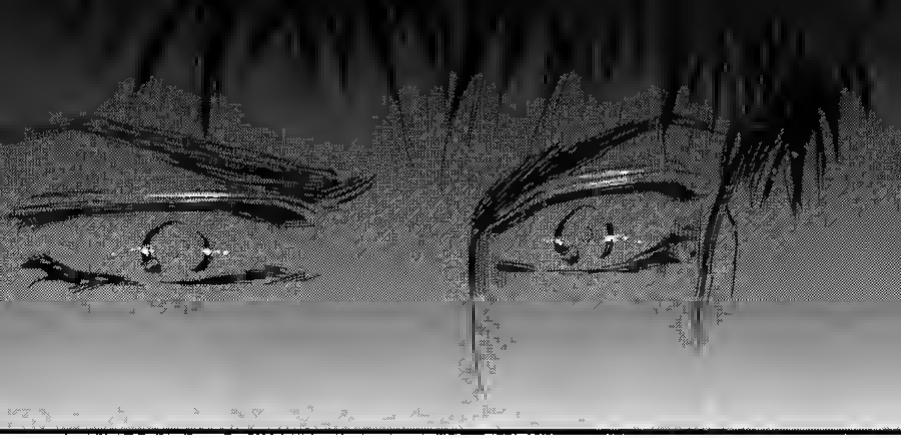

ANGO,
MORNING


YOU FELL A-SLEEP?
WERE YOU TOGETHER ALL NIGHT?
YOU SEE,
OH, UM...
WE FELL ASLEEP BY MISTAKE.
WHERE?
WERE YOU TOGETH-ER?
WHAT WERE YOU DOING?

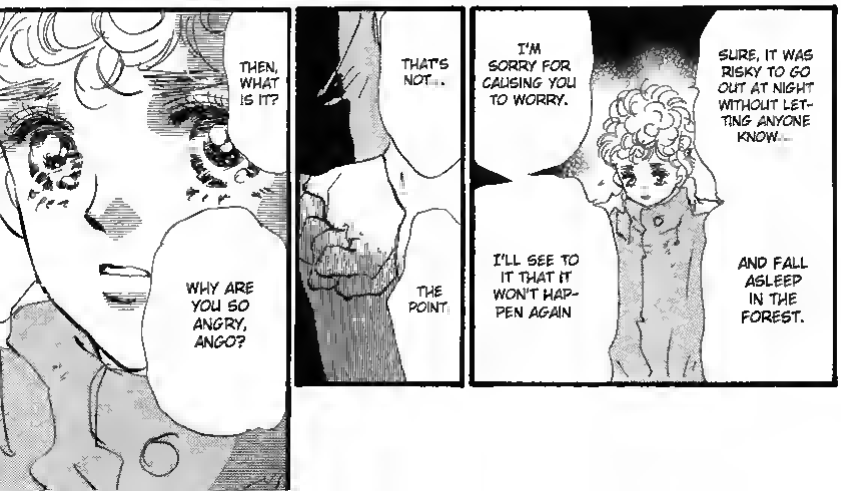

DO WE NEED YOUR PERMISSION FOR THAT?
WHAT?

HARU!
PUN
CH

I TOLD YOU TO STAY AWAY...
FROM KORURI, DIDN'T I?
WOOF
WOOF
WOOF
WOOF
STOP IT!
ANGO!



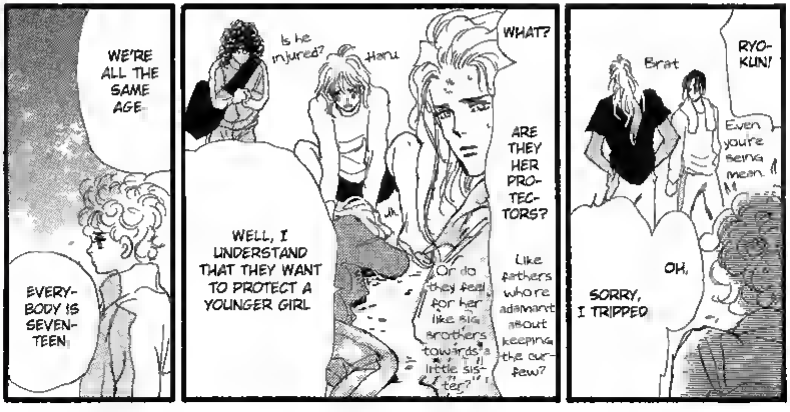
HARU DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG.
I WENT WITH HIM BECAUSE I WANTED TO.

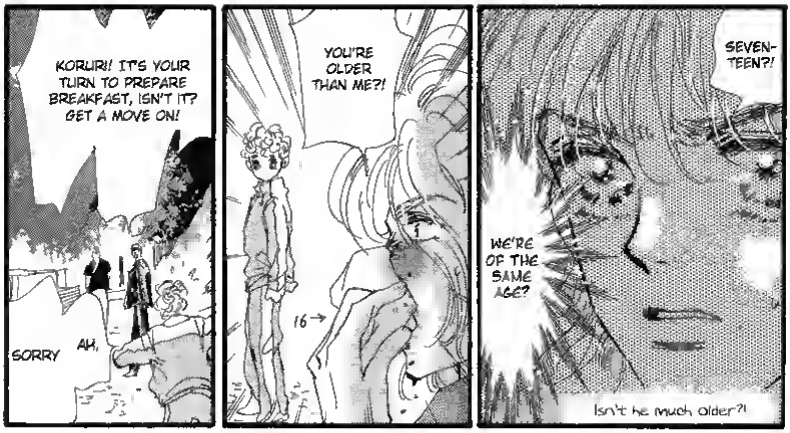

SURE, IT WAS RISKY TO GO OUT AT NIGHT WITHOUT LETTING ANYONE KNOW...
AND FALL ASLEEP IN THE FOREST.
I'M SORRY FOR CAUSING YOU TO WORRY.
I'LL SEE TO IT THAT IT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN
THAT'S NOT...
THE POINT.
THEN, WHAT IS IT?
WHY ARE YOU SO ANGRY, ANGO?

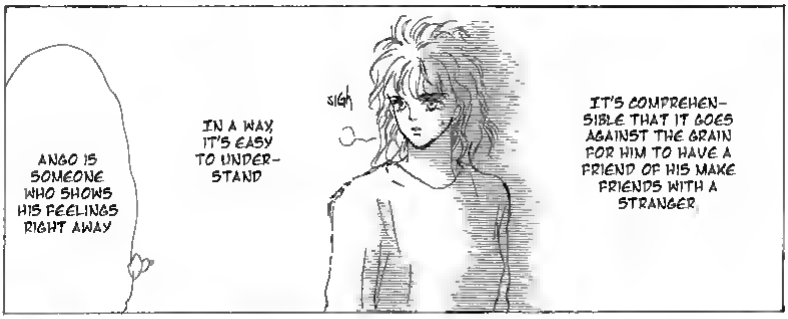
CAN'T I BE FRIENDS WITH HARU?
WHY?
BECAUSE HE'S FROM A DIFFERENT TEAM?
WHY IS IT FOR YOU TO DECIDE THAT?
LET GO!
jerk

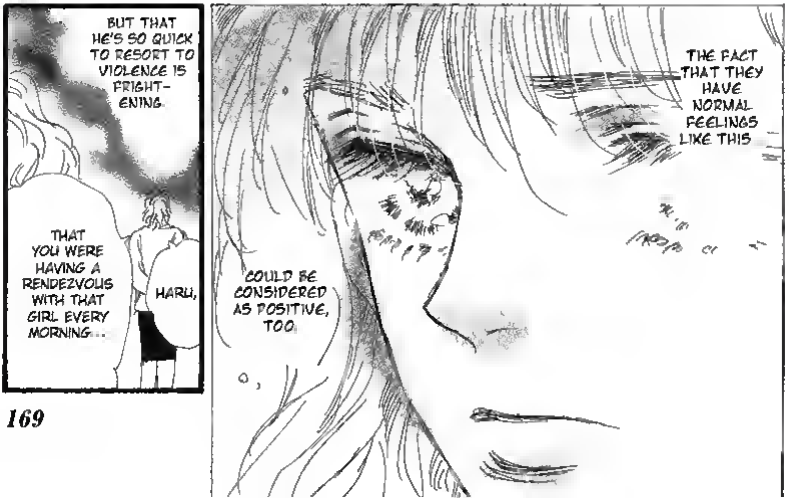
I'LL ALSO...
YOU STAY HERE...
AND FINISH THE WORK ASSIGNED TO YOU!
HARU
YOU'LL COME, TOO.
MAKE YOURSELF USEFUL A BIT.
WE'RE GOING TO CHECK OUT WATERING PLACES.
LET'S LEAVE RIGHT AFTER BREAKFAST.
OW..
PEOPLE WHO LOSE IT RIGHT AWAY AND TURN VIOLENT..
ARE AWFUL.
ANGO'S GLANCE ISN'T NORMAL.
I MUSTN'T LET HIM NEAR HARU!
I DREW A SIMPLE MAP,
SO TAKE IT WITH YOU.
You didn't have to yell
OKAY.
I'M SORRY
THIS ISN'T YOUR FAULT, KORURI
Cool it with the water
IF YOU'RE TAKING HARU ALONG..
I'LL COME, TOO.
YOU DON'T MIND, DO YOU?

YEAH, RYO-KUN.
HE WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU, I GUESS.
I KNOW
Eek
ACTU-ALLY...
ANGO IS A VERY NICE GUY.


WE'RE ALL THE SAME AGE.
EVERY-BODY IS SEVEN-TEEN.
Is he injured?
Haru
WELL, I UNDERSTAND THAT THEY WANT TO PROTECT A YOUNGER GIRL
Or do they feel for her like big brothers towards a little sister?
WHAT?
ARE THEY HER PRO-TEC-TORS?
Like fathers who're adamant about keeping the curfew?
RYO-KUN!
Brat
Even you're being mean...!
OH,
SORRY, I TRIPPED


KORURI! IT'S YOUR TURN TO PREPARE BREAKFAST, ISN'T IT? GET A MOVE ON!
AH, SORRY
YOU'RE OLDER THAN ME?!
16→
SEVEN-TEEN?!
WE'RE OF THE SAME AGE?
Isn't he much older?!


ANGO IS SOMEONE WHO SHOWS HIS FEELINGS RIGHT AWAY
IN A WAY, IT'S EASY TO UNDER-STAND
sigh
IT'S COMPREHEN-SIBLE THAT IT GOES AGAINST THE GRAIN FOR HIM TO HAVE A FRIEND OF HIS MAKE FRIENDS WITH A STRANGER


BUT THAT HE'S SO QUICK TO RESORT TO VIOLENCE IS FRIGHT-ENING
THAT YOU WERE HAVING A RENDEZVOUS WITH THAT GIRL EVERY MORNING...
HARU,
COULD BE CONSIDERED AS POSITIVE, TOO
THE FACT THAT THEY HAVE NORMAL FEELINGS LIKE THIS

OH...
SORRY.
IT ISN'T ANYTHING INDECENT AS THAT.
DON'T MAKE FUN OF IT, HANA.
IT MAKES ME A LITTLE SAD.
IS AMAZ-ING

HARU,
IS SERIOUS.

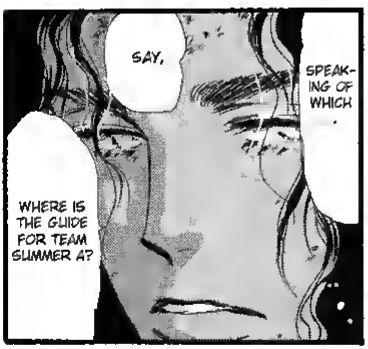
IT HAD BEEN DE-CIDED THAT WE WOULD LOOK FOR A SOURCE OF WATER...
TO PREPARE FOR THE DRY SEASON.

IT...
REALLY MAKES...
ME A LITTLE WISTFUL...

Akira, you get to work.
Yes, Ma'am.
IF THERE ARE OTHER LARGE LAKES OR RIVERS...
WE NEED TO THINK ABOUT A WAY TO DRAW WATER FROM THERE.
SURE I WILL GET IN THE WAY.
IF YOU DON'T GET IN OUR WAY
Keep still and rest.
Your injuries have to heal first.
NO, NO
I CAN'T TAKE YOU WITH ME.
YOU'RE GOING TO CHECK OUT WATER SOURCES AND THE TERRITORY?
OF COURSE, THERE WOULDN'T BE ANY PROBLEM IF THE NEARBY RIVERS DON'T DRY UP.
THEN I'LL GO WITH YOU
BUT THAT ISN'T GUARANTEED
NOPE.
I'LL GO, TOO.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO COME ALONG
RYO
her
MANAGE THE EXCAVATION OF THE WELL FOR ME.
I DON'T KNOW WHICH WAY WE'LL PASS ALONG,
Huh?
I don't want to have to climb cliffs carrying you on my back.
SO YOU'LL STAY HERE, TOO.
WE PROBABLY CAN'T USE THEM.
SHE REPORTED THAT IT LOOKED LIKE THE LAKES AND RIVERS HAD BECOME QUITE SMALL.
FLEW AROUND YESTERDAY...
AFTER KORURL..

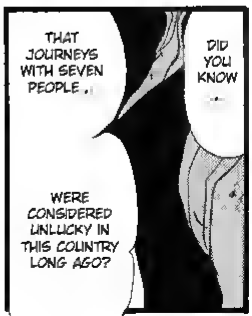
ACCORDING TO KORURI'S MAP...
THERE ARE SEVERAL LAKES WITHIN A RADIUS OF TEN KILOMETERS
When we decided to settle down in this place, we were looking around here and there, too
LET'S INSPECT THEM ONE BY ONE.
rustle
rustle
rustle

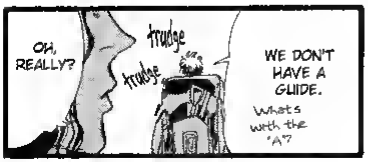
trudge
trudge

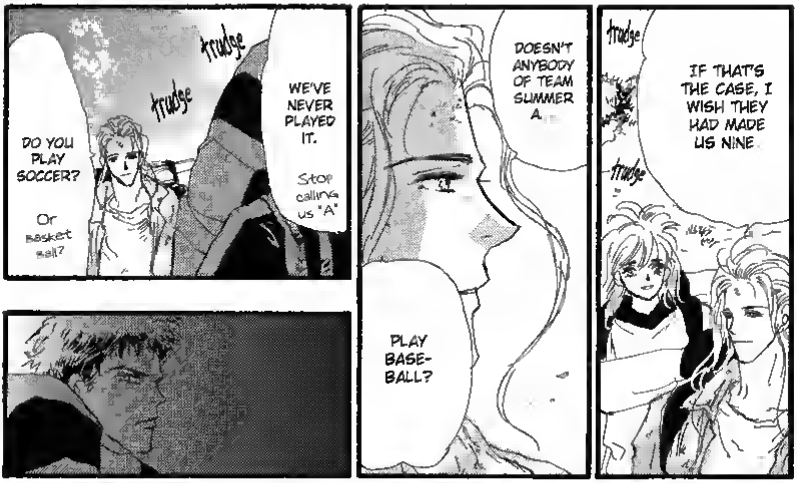

SAY,
SPEAKING OF WHICH,
WHERE IS THE GUIDE FOR TEAM SUMMER A?

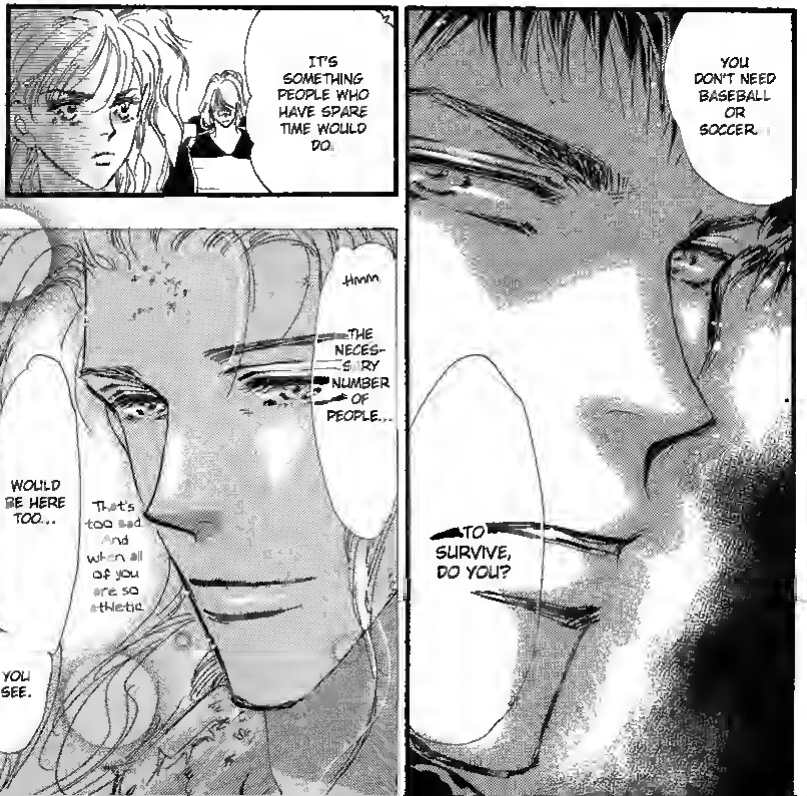
MAYBE THAT'S WHY..
IS THAT TRUE?
Why? Seven is a lucky number
Ah, the project "I Seek"
THEY MADE US EIGHT BY INCLUDING A GUIDE.

rustle
trudge
WE'RE SEVEN NOW.
Right?


DID YOU KNOW...
THAT JOURNEYS WITH SEVEN PEOPLE,
WERE CONSIDERED UNLUCKY IN THIS COUNTRY LONG AGO?

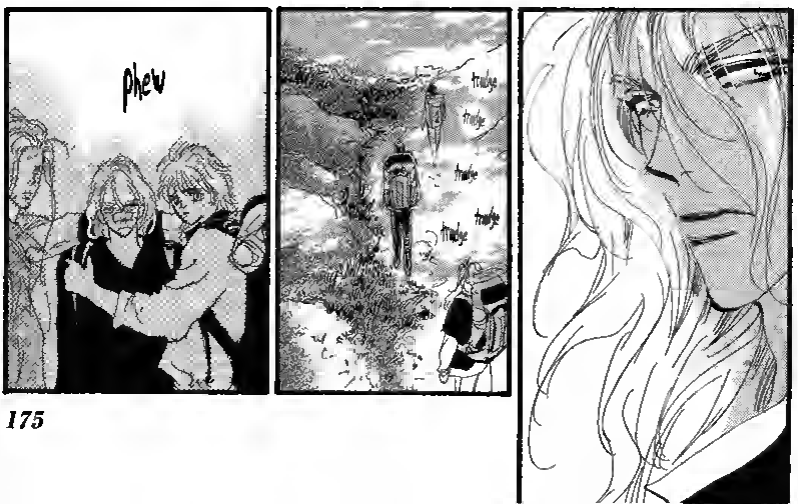

OH, REALLY?
trudge
trudge
WE DON'T HAVE A GUIDE.
What's with the "A"?


DO YOU PLAY SOCCER?
Or basketball?
trudge
trudge
WE'VE NEVER PLAYED IT.
Stop calling us "A"
DOESN'T ANYBODY OF TEAM SUMMER A...
PLAY BASE-BALL?
trudge
trudge
IF THAT'S THE CASE, I WISH THEY HAD MADE US NINE


IT'S SOMETHING PEOPLE WHO HAVE SPARE TIME WOULD DO.
YOU DON'T NEED BASEBALL OR SOCCER.
Hmm
THE NECES-S RY NUMBER OF PEOPLE...
WOULD BE HERE TOO...
That's too sad. And when all of you are so athletic
YOU SEE.
TO SURVIVE, DO YOU?

YOU GUYS . . .
DON'T HAVE ANY INTEREST
OR PURPOSE IN LIFE.
HARU.
THAT'S FOR SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING BETTER TO DO.
Shut up!
THEN, WHY . .
WOULD THEY PLAY THE PIANO IN TIMES OF WAR,
DRAW PICTURES WHILE STARVING TO DEATH,
SING SONGS IN THE MIDDLE OF A CIVIL WAR . .
OR KICK BALLS . .
IF NOT TO HELP PEOPLE TO SURVIVE?
HARU . . .
BECAUSE YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND SOMETHING LIKE THAT .
YOU'RE SO QUICK TO RESORT TO VIOLENCE.

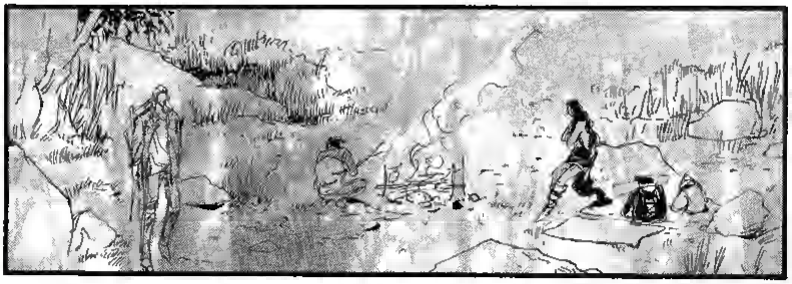
HE... TURNED PALE.
HARU...
HE MIGHT HAVE HIS GUN WITH HIM NOW

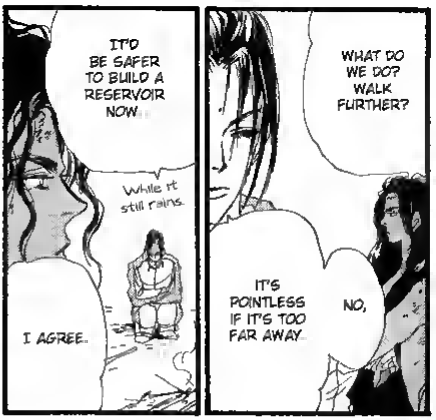

phew
trudge
trudge
trudge
trudge
trudge

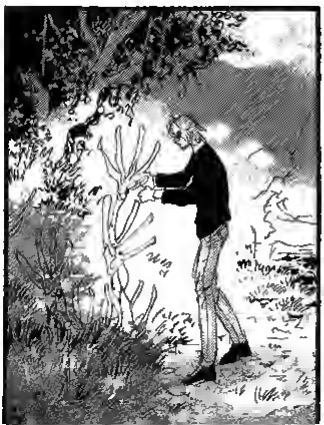
FIGHTS STRAIGHT-FORWARDLY.
HARU...
I NEVER...
SAID ANYTHING LIKE THAT.
YOU'RE LIKE THIS WITH THAT GIRL, RIGHT?
HARU,
YOU TOLD ME THAT YOU WERE HONEST, DIDN'T YOU?
THE OTHER DAY...
EVEN THOUGH...
HE'S ALWAYS SO GRUMPY.
rustle
rustle
HE'S SO COOL
I DON'T MUCH LIKE IT
THAT SHE'S FROM TEAM SUMMER A.
She's really cute, though.
trudge
trudge
I BELIEVE THAT IF YOU FIND SOMEONE YOU CAN BE HONEST WITH. .
YOU MUSTN'T EVER LET THEM GO.

YOU CAN TELL THAT THE WATER HAS ALREADY STARTED DECREASING.
IT'S POINT-LESS.
ONCE THE RAIN STOPS FALLING.
IT'S LIKELY THAT IT'LL DRY UP RIGHT AWAY..
THESE ROCKS AREN'T DRY YET. THAT MEANS THAT IT'S RECEDING RAPIDLY.
DIGGING A CANAL THROUGH THIS UNDU-LATING PLAIN WOULD BE
ANYWAY, IT'LL BE TOO DIFFI-CULT.
TO DRAW WATER OVER THIS DISTANCE
WITHOUT A PIPE OR A HOSE.
BOG
IT'S EVEN WORSE HERE.
IT ALREADY TURNED INTO A SWAMP.
IT STINKS HORRIBLY, DOESN'T IT?
LET'S TRY THE NEXT ONE.

BLUBB
BLUBB
BE CARE-FUL
Every-body
IT'S DEEP
IT'S MARSH-Y
Hey
ANGO
BOG
BOG




IT'D BE SAFER TO BUILD A RESERVOIR NOW
While it still rains
I AGREE.
WHAT DO WE DO? WALK FURTHER?
NO,
IT'S POINTLESS IF IT'S TOO FAR AWAY



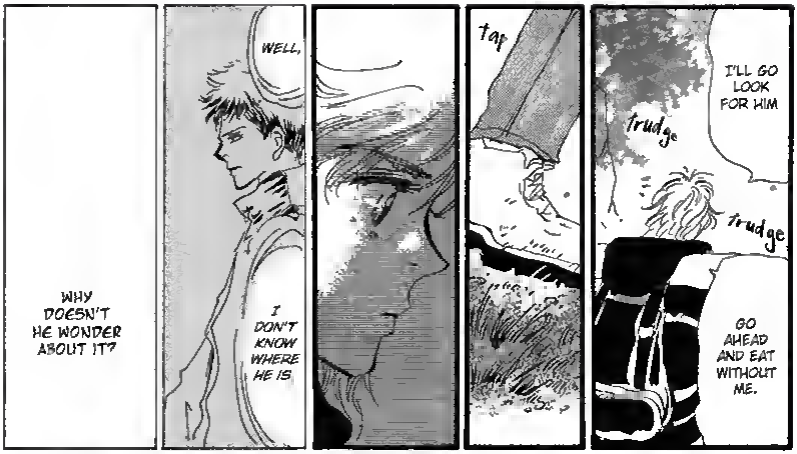
WHA
CK
I have to show it to Korun.
MAYBE I REALLY SHOULD SWITCH TO PERCUSSION INSTRUMENTS.
tok
clank
tok
ARE HOLLOW INSIDE.
THESE BRANCH-ES.
tok
tok
clank
THEY MAKE IN-TERESTNG SOUNDS.
tok
tok tok tok
Kind of damned
SLOSH
blubb
blubb
blubb
WHAT HAPPEN-ED
TO YOUR GUIDE, REALLY?
SAY,
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RYO.
IT'S NO GOOD OVER THERE.
I DON'T KNOW.
He went to check out some thing else, I guess.
WHERE'S ANGO?

rustle
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
WE'RE JOKING AROUND.
OH IS THAT SO? I wouldn't put it past you.
ANGO, HOW WERE THINGS GOING ON YOUR SIDE?

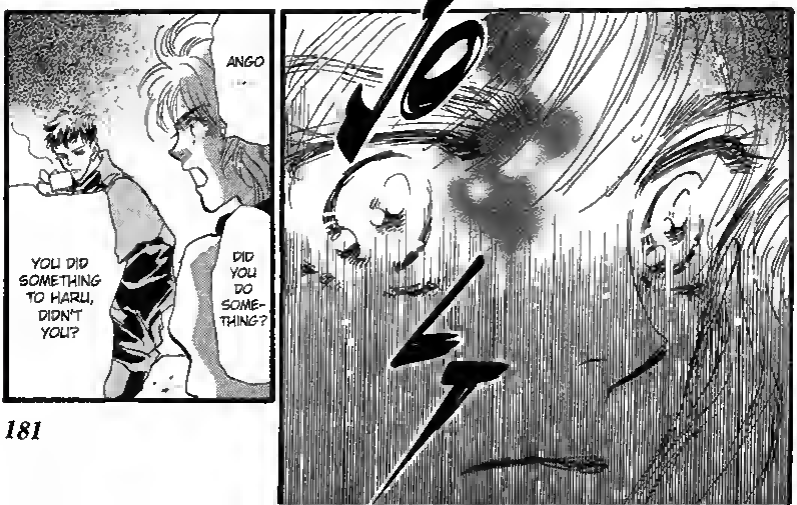
stomp
stomp
stomp
GUYS, HAVE YOU SEEN HARU?
HE WAS WITH ME UNTIL A WHILE AGO. But he said he was going to gather firewood.

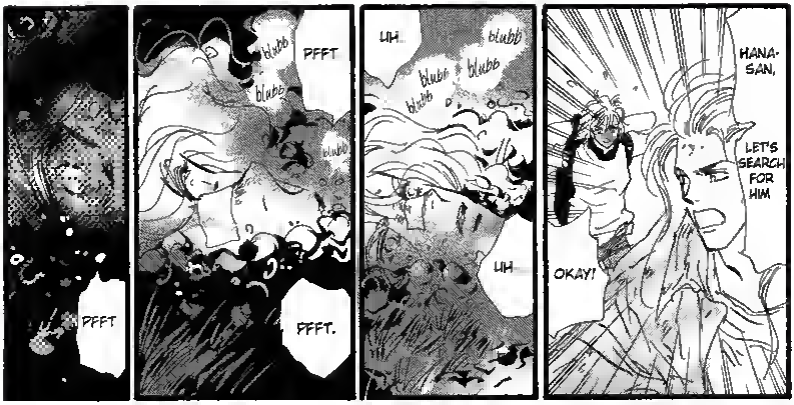
WELL, I DON'T KNOW WHERE HE IS.

THAT'S OBVIOUS, ISN'T IT?
WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM?
WE KILLED HIM.

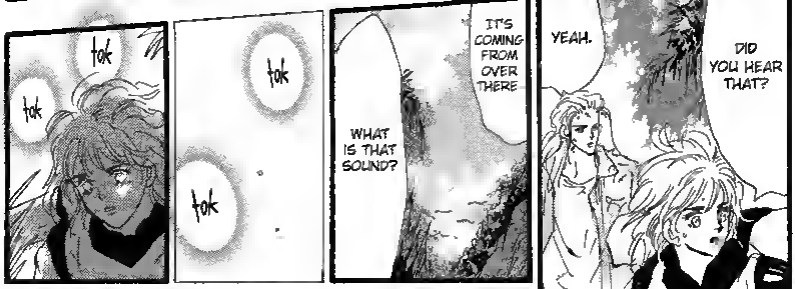

WHY DOESN'T HE WONDER ABOUT IT?
WELL,
I DON'T KNOW WHERE HE IS.
tap
I'LL GO LOOK FOR HIM
trudge
trudge
GO AHEAD AND EAT WITHOUT ME.

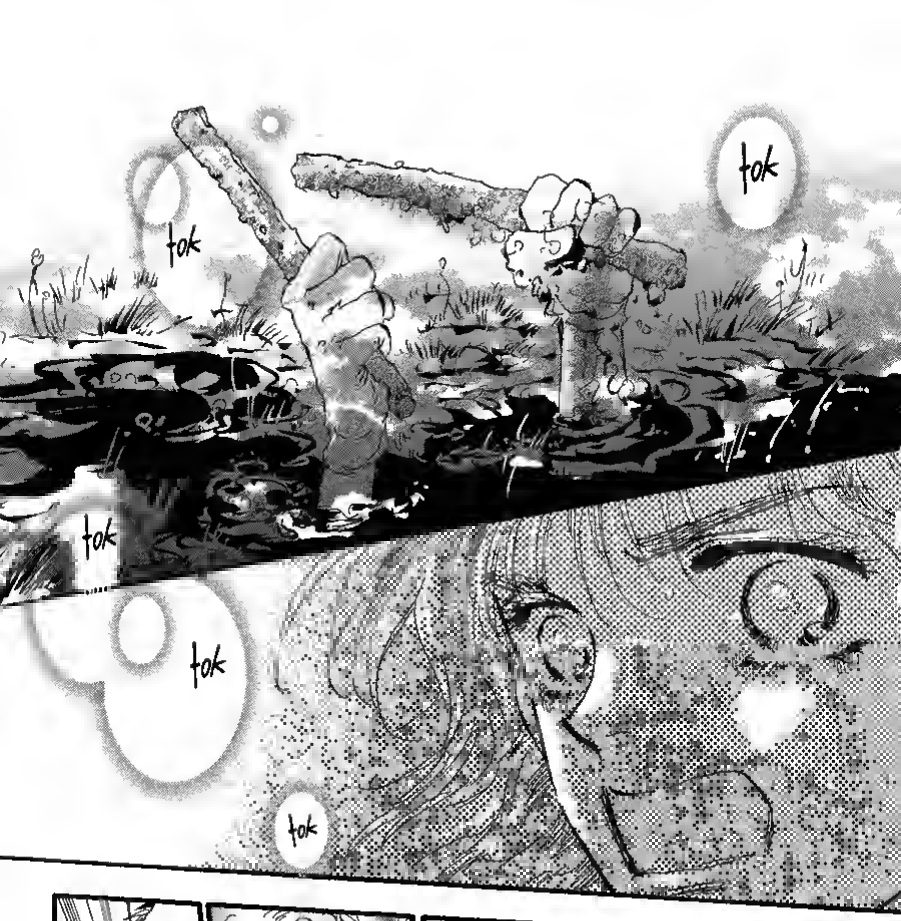
IF HE MIGHT SECRETLY BE MEETING KORURI-SAN AGAIN?
WHY DOESN'T HE WONDER...


ANGO...
YOU DID SOMETHING TO HARU, DIDN'T YOU?
DID YOU DO SOME-THING?


PFFT
blubb
blubb
blubb
PFFT.
UH
blubb
blubb
blubb
UH
HANA-SAN,
LET'S SEARCH FOR HIM
OKAY!

HARU!
HARU, WHERE ARE YOU?
Then I'll go over here.
He disappeared around here.
HARU!


tok
tok
tok
tok
WHAT IS THAT SOUND?
IT'S COMING FROM OVER THERE
YEAH.
DID YOU HEAR THAT?


tok
tok
tok
tok
tok
!!

HANA!
PLEASE PULL US BOTH OUT ONCE I GRAB HARU.
Use a tree as foothold
GOT IT!
A ROPE
ARAMAKI-SAN, I'LL GO IN.

cough
cough

THERE MIGHT BE A DANGEROUS BEAST...
Be careful, everybody
REAL-LY?
AROUND.

SUDDENLY KNOCKED DOWN FROM BEHIND..
I WAS...
Cough
ttah
ttah
cough
cough
ttah
AND PUSHED IN

IS YOU, I DARE SAY.

THE DANGEROUS BEAST...

I DIDN'T DO ANY-THING.
YOU'RE ACCUS-ING ME FALSELY
PUT YOUR GUN AWAY.
LAY A FINGER ON HARU
DON'T
WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?
ATTACK-ING ME?
With a knife?

HEY,
HOLD ON
PUT DOWN YOUR WEAPON!
HANA-SAN!
STOP IT, BOTH OF YOU!
LET ME SEE...
THIS KNIFE.
WAIT A SEC.
Knives of this kind are all similar, aren't they?
WE ALL HAVE ONE
THIS IS MINE.
DON'T YOU THINK IT LOOKS THE SAME?
I WAS WONDERING ABOUT IT WHEN I SAW IT BEFORE, TOO.
NO
DO YOU WANT TO TAKE IT AWAY FROM ME?

WH...
WHO TOLD YOU?
WHAT ABOUT IT?
WHY DO YOU HAVE ONE?
THIS KNIFE ISN'T MINE.
DON'T COME ANY CLOSER.
Isn't it just similar?
I...
WAS ALSO TOLD THAT IT WAS CUSTOM-MADE...
I HEARD THAT IT WAS CUSTOM-MADE
SO HOW COME YOU HAVE ONE?

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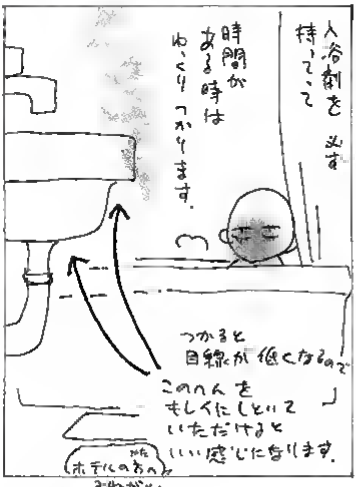

以前泊まった
全室はなれのホテルでは
(ぶんぱつした)
外にもおフロがあって
(露天)
ゴクラクジョーク
とっても楽しかったです

小雨の降る夜明け
夜の向こうは海と空、山が続いています
とっても情緒がありました

そういえば
前に泊まった
海辺のホテル
きゃほー
おフロから海がまる見え!
たったのひすが
入ったのが夜だったため
真っ暗
あれっ
バカなわこ
(かも台風直撃)
朝はぬすさした。

夜に行くと雨が降るんだよ!!

寒い夜は
入浴前を入れて
ゆっくり
つかりながら
本を読むのが
幸せですね
たりてリミステリー
ピッ
まちをおフロそうじをしちゃかばなりません…。
でばではこのつぎもどうぞよろしくおねがいたします
いつも本当にありがとう
ぬてる
田村由美

入るまでは めんどくさいけど…

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